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## An act of American terrorism, says Khaddafi

# US jets shoot down Libyan MIGs over Mediterranean

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (Agencies): US Navy planes shot down two Libyan MIG-23 fighters today over the Mediterranean Sea, the Defence Department and White House said.

A White House official said the American aircraft were "threatened while conducting routine operations in international airspace."

The air battle was the first military encounter between the United States and Libya since American jets bombed Tripoli, the Libyan capital, in 1986. It came amid rising tensions between the two countries over Libya's construction of a plant the United States says intended to produce chemical weapons.

### Threatened

Deputy White House Press Secretary Roman Popadiuk, in California with vacationing President Reagan, said two F-14 Tomcat aircraft from the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy "were threatened while conducting routine operations in international airspace north of Tobruk, a Libyan port."

The incident occurred 40 miles (60 kms) north of Libya's coast. He said that after the shooting, the F-14s returned safely to the ship and two parachutes from the downed Libyan aircraft, reported as Soviet-built MIG-23s, were sighted.

"There were no reported US injuries," he said.

"The Libyan aircraft approached the US aircraft in a hostile manner over international waters, and the US aircraft, acting in self-defence, fired four air-to-air missiles, downing both of the Libyan aircraft," Popadiuk said.

The two US F-14s were "acting in self-defence," Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci also said.

Repeatedly emphasising that he was offering information based on "preliminary reports," Carlucci also insisted the Navy action had nothing to do with the presence of what the United States says is a chemical weapons plant in Libya.

Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi branded the US action as an act of increased "American terrorism" and vowed to "meet challenge with challenge," the official Libyan news agency reported.

Khaddafi's reaction, in a JANA agency news dispatch monitored in London, came about six hours after the jets were shot down.

"In spite of the increase in official American terrorism, which is backed by brute force, and in spite of the threats, the revolutionaries of great Libya will not bow their heads and will not abandon their principles and the objectives of their eternal motherland of unity, liberation and the building of progress," Khaddafi declared, according to JANA.

### Challenge

"They will meet challenge with challenge," JANA quoted him as saying.

Libya today called for an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

The request was contained in a letter handed to council president Razali Ismail of Malaysia by Libyan deputy UN

representative Ali Sunni Mun-tasser.

Libyan radio reported that the Foreign Ministry said US planes shot down two Libyan reconnaissance aircraft today, not MIGs, in a "premeditated attack."

"At 1103 hours (1003 GMT) while two Libyan reconnaissance aircraft were carrying out a patrol over international waters, US aircraft carried out a premeditated attack on them and shot them down," the radio said, quoting a statement by the Foreign Ministry in Tripoli.

US Defence Department sources said on condition of not being identified that the Kennedy task force was cruising in the Mediterranean south-southwest of the Greek island of Crete, 120 to 130 miles (190 to 205 kilometres) north of Libya, and the F-14s were flying nearby when the incident occurred at about noon local time (1000 GMT).

### Spotted

The two MIG-23s were spotted by radar taking off from the Al Bumbah airfield in eastern Libya, climbing to 9,000 feet (3,000 metres) then accelerating and closing in on the F-14s, which were at 15,000 feet (5,000 metres), the sources said.

"The F-14s manoeuvred to determine the intent of the Libyan aircraft, but every time they turned, the Libyans followed," one source said. "The F-14 pilots made the decision to shoot after the Libyan aircraft turned on their targeting radar. The decision you have to make in the cockpit."

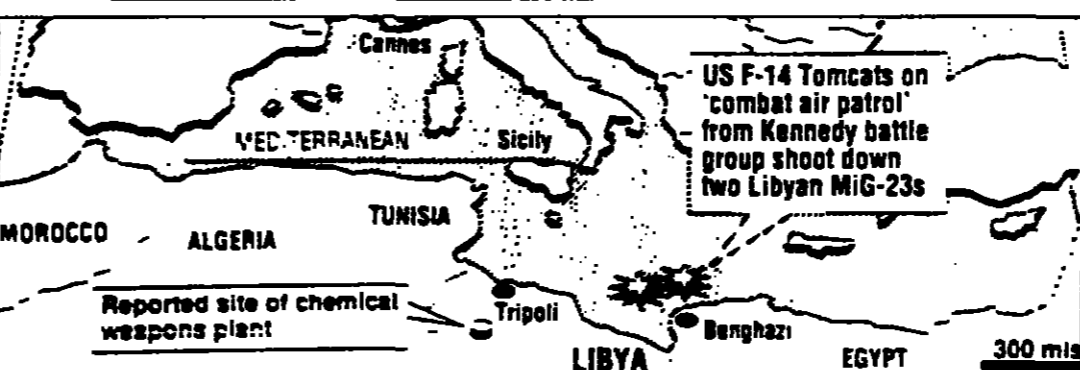
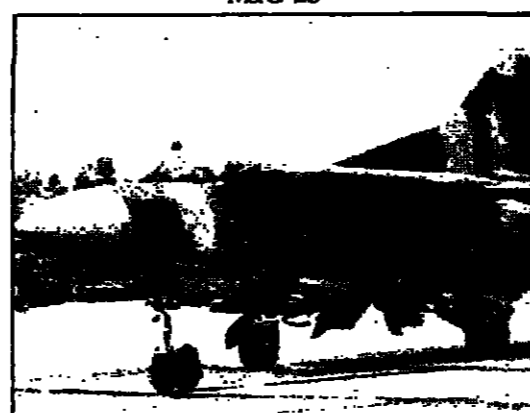
The source said there were no indications that the Libyans fired before they were hit by Sidewinder and Sparrow air-to-air missiles.

"The Libyan planes ignored

F-14 Tomcat



MIG-23



A graphic showing the area in the Mediterranean Sea where US F-14 fighters shot down two Libyan MIG-23s. (Reuters pictures)

warnings. We don't believe they fired," one Pentagon official said.

In Rome, Libya's Ambassador to Italy, Abdel Rahman Shalgam, called the incident "a unilateral act" and a "dangerous" action. He declined to say how Libya would respond.

US President Reagan was awakened and informed of the aerial confrontation about an hour after it occurred, Popadiuk said.

That contrasted with an August 1981 incident in which

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## Howe asks Israel not to miss chance for peace

RIYADH, Jan 4, (Reuters): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe today stepped up pressure on Israel to respond positively to Palestinian peace overtures rejected by the Jewish state.

In the keynote speech of a nine-day Gulf tour, Howe told an audience of Saudi and British businessmen: "The people of Israel should take care not to miss the opportunity which now presents itself."

At the start of his trip in Kuwait on Monday Howe urged Israel to respond positively to declarations recognising Israel's existence and renouncing terrorism by PLO leader Yasser Arafat last month.

### Forward

Howe said: "The Palestinians have recognised that negotiations, not violence, offer the only road forward."

Calling this significant progress he added: "The Israelis must be ready to explore Palestinian intentions rather than denounce them. They must demonstrate their good faith."

"Now is the time for them to acknowledge that a significant and positive move has been made which requires a constructive response."

He also urged the PLO to maintain its new stance.

Kuwait today welcomed Britain's decision to send a senior official to Tunis for talks with Palestinian leaders.

Arafat and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt today conferred in Cairo on prospects of peace in the Middle East, officials said.

The UAE said today it had decided to recognise the PLO office in Abu Dhabi as an embassy.

Howe also urged stronger



Howe

action in dealing with terrorism following the blowing up of a Pan Am Boeing 747 airliner over Scotland two weeks ago which killed 270 people.

He said the foremost lesson to be learnt from the bomb blast over the town of Lockerbie was joint international action against terrorism.

### Reduce

He said action should include:

- Agreement on further security precautions.
- Regulations to ensure that baggage is matched up with passengers.
- Modifications to aircraft to reduce their vulnerability to bombs.
- Improved ability to detect bombs once they were planted.

## Khomeini's envoy meets Gorbachev

MOSCOW, Jan 4, (UPI): A personal envoy of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini left Moscow today after meeting with President Mikhail Gorbachev in the Kremlin and delivering a private message from Khomeini, the Tass news agency said.

Ayatollah Abdullah Javadi Amoli, a personal representative of Khomeini, arrived in Moscow yesterday with a delegation that included Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani and Majlis (parliament) Deputy Mrs Marziyeh Hadidehchi.

In a brief two sentence dispatch Tass said Politburo mem-

## Saudi diplomat shot dead in Bangkok

BANGKOK, Jan 4, (UPI): An "Arab-looking" gunman fired three bullets into a Saudi Arabian diplomat on a downtown Bangkok street today killing him instantly, police said.

A witness said a single gunman about 30 years old followed the victim and shot him at close range, said Deputy Police Commissioner Maj. Gen. Taweasak Sukolchaya.

Taweasak said the gunman fired eight shots at Saleh Abdullah Malik, 35, a Third Secretary of the Saudi Arabian embassy in Bangkok. Three of the bullets struck Malik in the head, he said.

Malik was killed in one of downtown Bangkok's busiest

streets, about 300 feet from the Saudi embassy.

"I heard the gunshots, but at first I thought they were fireworks," a witness said.

"When I turned around to look I saw an Arab-looking man run away," said the witness who was standing about 30 feet from where Malik was slain. The witness asked not to be identified.

Police declined to reveal the results of their initial investigation but said they had ruled out robbery as a motive for the killing.

"We can't say what the motive was, but we do not believe this was a case of robbery since the victim's valuables were not touched," Taweasak said.

## Mideast peace conference

## Egypt may agree to superpower mediation

TEL AVIV, Jan 4, (Reuters): Egypt's envoy to Israel said today Cairo would agree to superpower mediation rather than an international Middle East peace conference if this was acceptable to the PLO.

Mohamed Bassiouny also said Egypt would accept interim arrangements for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip if these were linked to starting talks on a final settlement.

The ideas were recently aired by leaders of Israel's new rightist-led government.

A top aide to Egyptian President Mubarak said last week Mubarak would not visit Israel until there was closer agreement on elements of the peace process.

### Refuse

"Egypt will not refuse anything that the PLO agrees on... If the PLO agrees to this (proposal on superpower mediation), we will agree," Bassiouny said in an interview.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir proposed last week that talks be held under the mediation of the Soviet Union and United States. Shamir objects to a UN-sponsored international conference as being biased.

"We are trying to reach a just and comprehensive solution and because it is a Palestinian problem, we will agree to anything which will agree to the PLO," Bassiouny said.

He insisted however that Egypt saw an international conference as the easiest way to peace. "All the world now supports it — the European Economic Community, the Americans, the Russians, the Arab League and half of Israel."

### Arafat

Meanwhile PLO leader Yasser Arafat said in Cairo today he might quit his drive to end the Arab-Israeli conflict unless Israel reciprocated.

"I will continue to offer peace, not out of weakness but out of strength," Arafat said. "If they do not accept peace, I have the courage to go back to the Palestine National Council (PNC)"

in Jerusalem.

The Israeli parliament expressed support yesterday for talks with Palestinians who recognise Israel, renounce terrorism and accept UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, but it ruled out talks with the PLO.

## Missing wife found in freezer

DETROIT, Mich., Jan 4, (Reuters): Police yesterday charged a Michigan man with murdering his missing wife after his daughter discovered her body in a basement freezer.

Leonard Tyburski, 45, a dean of students at a Detroit high school, told neighbours three years ago that his wife Dorothy had left him and moved to Ohio.

District court judge James Garber said Tyburski entered a not-guilty plea and was ordered jailed following a psychiatric examination to determine his competency to stand trial.

Tyburski's daughter made the discovery yesterday when she pried open the padlocked freezer chest. Police said she had not been looking for the body, which was fully clothed and apparently had been in the freezer since her death.

Police said they investigated Tyburski's disappearance for about two years but dropped the case because of lack of progress. Tyburski at the time passed a lie-detector test concerning his wife's disappearance.

## Hassan meets Polisario delegation

MARRAKECH, Morocco, Jan 4, (AP): A delegation from the Polisario guerrilla movement met today with Morocco's King Hassan for discussion about the conflict in the Western Sahara, according to a government statement.

The statement from the Information Ministry said the king received the Polisario representatives at the palace in Marrakech early in the afternoon and that talks touched on the proposed referendum for self-determination in the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony.

### Accepted

Included in the Polisario delegation were Bechir Mustapha Sayed, in charge of external relations, Ibrahim Ghali, responsible for defence, and Mahfoud Ali Beiba, designated prime minister of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, proclaimed by the Polisario in 1976.

The Polisario has been fighting Morocco for control of the arid Western Sahara since Spain withdrew 13 years ago.

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## WEATHER

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Vorontsov (right) talks to reporters on arrival in Islamabad. Seated with him (left) is Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Humayun Khan. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sudanese riot over food shortage

KHARTOUM, Jan 4, (Reuters): Rioters set fire to shops and clashed with police in two Sudanese towns to protest at bread and sugar shortages following a nationwide strike last week, local newspapers reported today.

They said students in El Obeid, capital of the western region of Kordofan, attacked the offices of the regional governor on Tuesday when he refused to see them.

The protesters clashed with police and rampaged through the town's market burning two pharmacies, a bookshop and other stores, the papers said.

They said merchants declared a four-day strike to protest at the attacks and one paper said troops arrived to restore order.

Rioters in the central region town of Sennar southeast of Khartoum set fire to town council offices and shops and also clashed with police, the papers said.

Last week thousands of people took to the streets in Khartoum and other towns to protest at price rises in sugar and other consumer goods.

## 16 die as Philippine ferry capsizes

MANILA, Jan 4, (AP): A motor launch carrying more than 140 people sank in the central Philippines, killing at least 16 people, the Coast Guard said today. Another 12 people were reported missing.

Lt. Edmund Lustre, Coast Guard operations chief in Iloilo, said the cargo vessel Jen II sank Tuesday off Rombon Island, about 240 kilometres southeast of Manila.

He said a Coast Guard rescue team sent to Rombon reported 114 people had been rescued and that the bodies of 16 people had been recovered.

Lustre said earlier that the boat carried more than 170 people and the 45 were missing. He said in a telephone interview later that the figures were "repeated after rescuers found out" people were being counted over and over.

Lustre said most of the passengers were believed to have been high school students en route from Rombon to Panay after the Christmas holidays.

At least five vessels have sunk in the Visayas Island chain since last October. The ferry Dona Marilyn, carrying more than 500 passengers, sank in the Samar Sea on Oct. 24. More than 100 people were rescued in that accident.

In Dec. 20, 1987, the passenger ferry Dona Paz collided with an oil tanker off Mindoro Island, killing more than 3,000 people, in the world's worst peacetime sea disaster. Only 26 people survived.

### Overcrowded

The official Philippine news agency said the vessel was overcrowded and that most of the passengers were students returning to schools in Kalibo.

Schools opened in the Philippines Tuesday after a two-week holiday.

Radio news reports from Tablas said the passengers panicked when huge waves whipped Jen II. Passengers rushed to one side of the vessel, causing it to capsize, the reports said.

## Vorontsov links Soviet pullout to ceasefire 'Decisive' Afghan talks begin

ISLAMABAD, Jan 4, (Reuters): Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov arrived today for what he hoped would be decisive talks with Pakistani officials on solution of the Afghan problem.

I hope these will be decisive discussions," Vorontsov told reporters on arrival.

He also said he would have another round of talks with Pakistan-based Afghan rebels if they were ready.

Vorontsov had talks in Saudi Arabia last month with the seven-party mujahideen guerrilla alliance fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government. The alliance said on Tuesday it would meet him. He also met Iranian President Ali Khamenei in Tehran yesterday.

Vorontsov linked withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan to a unilateral ceasefire declared by President Najibullah last week but rejected by the rebels.

He did not say whether complete withdrawal would be delayed beyond the Feb 15

deadline set by the Geneva accord signed last April.

Vorontsov dismissed as "a big mistake" and wishful thinking rebel forecasts that the Kabul government would collapse after the Soviet withdrawal, but said Moscow was prepared to recognise a new broad-based government.

"They will survive by all means," he said.

"But at the same time they are willing to participate in the creation of broad-based government. That's what is important."

He denied a statement by rebel leader Burhanuddin Rabbani that Moscow was ready to abandon Najibullah's government.

"The Soviets are prepared to recognise a broad-based government. That means there will be a change of government, from this one to another one. Maybe that is what Rabbani had in his mind."

Asked if Moscow would stick to the Feb 15 deadline for completing the troop withdrawal, Vorontsov said:

"That depends on the situa-

tion in Afghanistan.

"I do mean that if the ceasefire holds and if there is no fighting in Afghanistan, that's a very good situation for Soviet forces to leave."

**Government**

Meanwhile, UPI adds that Afghan rebel leaders, looking ahead to the departure of Soviet troops, are mulling plans for a provisional government to replace the communist regime in Kabul and will "hold an election when peace returns," the head of the guerrilla alliance says.

Professor Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, who on Sunday assumed the chairmanship of the seven-party rebel alliance, said up to 600 military, religious and academic leaders will meet in Peshawar within three weeks to discuss formation of a council to govern Afghanistan after the Soviet-backed regime collapses.

He said the proposed council, known as Shooru, would replace the rebel government-in-exile established in Pakistan last year and would rule the country until the war ends and elections can be

scheduled.

"We will hold elections when peace returns and we are fully in command in Afghanistan," he said.

Mojaddidi said the Afghan government of President Najibullah "is collapsing and will completely fall within three to four months after the Soviet pullout."

**Pullout**

Mojaddidi said the alliance would ask the Soviets for a complete and unconditional withdrawal of its troops from the country, the removal of the Moscow-backed government in Kabul and guarantees the Afghan people would be allowed to determine their own future.

He said leaders of smaller Iran-based Afghan resistance groups have also been invited to the talks.

Moscow hopes to reach an agreement on a coalition government in Kabul that would not be hostile to Moscow before the scheduled Feb 15 completion of its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

## US jets shoot down Libyan MIGs over ...

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White House aides were criticised for not awakening him after a similar encounter between US and Libyan jets.

On March 24, 1986, US aircraft attacked Libyan ships and a rocket base in the area of Libya's Gulf of Sidra, which the United States considers international waters and Libya considers its own territory.

Less than a month later, on April 15, 1986, the United States bombed Tripoli in retaliation for what it said was Libya's involvement in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque frequented by US troops.

Today's incident came amid rising tensions over the chemical plant at Rabta, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) southwest of Tripoli.

US officials yesterday said for the first time they had evidence the plant had started producing limited quantities of chemical weapons and has conducted trial runs of its production equipment.

Libya said the plant will make pharmaceuticals and offered to let international experts inspect the plant. The United States called the offer inadequate.

The United States has refused to rule out an attack on the plant, although US officials insisted that the air clash was not connected with the row over the controversial plant.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Smallest plane

MOSCOW, Jan 4, (Reuters): A Soviet designer says he has developed the world's smallest piloted aircraft. Tass news agency reported today.

The plane, designed by Viktor Dmitriev, weighs just 47 kilograms (103 pounds), Tass said. It is one metre (3.3 feet) high and three metres (about ten feet) long. Its maximum speed is 130 km (78 miles) per hour.

The tiny plane needs just three litres (five pints) of fuel an hour and can take off and land on just 30 metres (about 100 feet) of asphalt, gravel, ground or grass, Tass said.

### Memorial service

LOCKERBIE, Jan 4, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher flew to Scotland to attend a memorial service today for victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 air disaster in the small town that bore the brunt of the crash.

Tight security measures were imposed in devastated Lockerbie as Thatcher's London office confirmed the prime minister and her husband Denis were flying there to join British and American mourners at the service.

### Still alive

NEW DELHI, Jan 4, (Reuters): It was no great shock to her family when Kalaben Balubhai died on Monday at the age of 100.

But the old lady had a surprise in store for them when they took her to the cremation ground and laid her on the funeral pyre, the Press Trust of India reported today.

As the relatives, in Malanka village near Rajkot in the western state of Gujarat, prepared to light the pyre in accordance with Hindu custom, the "dead" woman sat up and demanded to be taken home.

## Sophisticated jet fighters

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (Reuters): The US F-14 and Libyan MIG-23 jets involved in today's shooting incident over the Mediterranean are sophisticated fighters armed with air-to-air missiles and capable of flying over 1,400 miles an hour.

The two US Navy jets, each manned by a pilot and a radar-intercept officer, shot down the two Soviet-built Libyan planes with air-to-air missiles after the Libyan planes threatened the American aircraft, the United States said.

The F-14, built by Grumman Corp., and the Soviet jets were both deployed in the early 1970s.

Both are swing-wing planes which fold back their wings at a sharp angle in high-speed flight. The F-14 is a twin-engine carrier-based fighter, while the MIG-23 is based on land and carries only one crewman, the pilot.

The MIG-23 is armed with a 23mm rapid-fire cannon and can carry up to six air-to-air missiles. The F-14 has a 20mm rapid-fire cannon and can carry up to eight missiles, including a mix of Phoenix, Sparrows and Sidewinders.

While both planes were introduced at approximately the same time, the F-14 is still the US Navy's front-line jet fighter.

The Soviet Union has since built more advanced MIG models including the MIG-25, which has also been bought by Libya.

## Landmark hotel closes its doors

LOS ANGELES, Jan 4, (AP): The Ambassador Hotel, where Charlie Chaplin lived, Robert F. Kennedy died, Marion Davies rode a horse through the lobby, and generations of stars entertained at the Coconut Grove lounge, closed its doors on Tuesday.

The last guests bid farewell to the 68-year-old Wilshire Boulevard landmark, an imposing building on 23 lush acres now in disrepair.

It was one of the city's first luxury hotels, its palm-lined property exemplifying the California lifestyle. Pictures of happier days line the corridors of the 500-room hotel.

The Ambassador was host to top personalities in its heyday, including Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and entertainers Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor, Lena Horne, Harry Belafonte, Bing Crosby and Ray Charles.

Miss Davies rode through the hotel lobby on horseback to amuse her lover, multimillionaire publisher William Randolph Hearst. The playground for yesterday's elite abounds with such tales.

The hotel had been a well-known landmark for years before, thanks in part to its famous Coconut Grove nightclub, where such stars as Sammy Davis Jr., Nat "King" Cole and Bob Hope performed.

The Ambassador dramatically came into the national limelight when New York Sen Robert Kennedy was assassinated in the hotel pantry on June 6, 1968. He was shot to death by Sirhan Sirhan moments after declaring victory in California's Democratic presidential primary.

The site's future is uncertain, with two companies negotiating to buy it, said hotel spokeswoman Margaret Burk. The estimated sale price has risen above \$100 million dollars.

exchange of democratic ideas across the East-West divide.

Ever since, the United States and its allies have used the Helsinki Accord to pressure Moscow to improve human rights conditions.

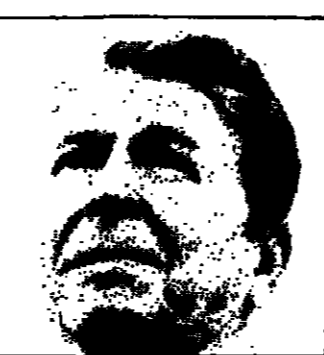
Apparently, the Reagan administration had found enough progress in the Soviet record to close the conference in Vienna and move on.

"It's not a perfect scorecard, but they've done a lot," said a US official. "They've come amazingly far."

Shultz is due to see Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze in Paris on Sunday. They will be attending a conference on the spread of chemical weapons.

The State Department last Friday credited the Soviets with "significant progress" in its treatment of political prisoners and Jews seeking to emigrate.

## Reagan to undergo surgery



LOS ANGELES, Jan 4, (Reuters): President Reagan is to undergo elective surgery on Saturday to correct an involuntary contraction of the ring finger of his left hand, a condition doctors said can threaten the function of his hand.

The surgery usually requires only a local anaesthetic and Reagan should be back on the job Sunday, Colonel John Hutton, Reagan's physician, said on Tuesday.

The surgery is to repair a so-called Dupuytren's contracture, a progressive contraction of the fingers that is of unknown cause, the White House said.

The condition is named after Baron Dupuytren, the French physician who first described it in 1833.

## OAU protests discrimination against blacks

## China mum over torture report

BELING, Jan 4, (Reuters): China maintained official silence today in the face of international criticism of its policies towards Africans and charges that it tortured blacks and upheld "apartheid in disguise."

The official media did not report signs of growing tension between blacks and Chinese students on a number of the nation's campuses nor did the government react to protests from African envoys or the Organisation of African Unity.

Government officials told Reuters three students would be expelled from a university in Nanking, where a clash erupted between blacks and Chinese on Christmas Eve, sparking protests in four cities.

Today, less than a week after a Chinese official described the first outbreak of anti-black violence as an isolated incident, hundreds of African students at Beijing's language institute began a classroom strike, complaining of brutality in Nanking and chronic prejudice on their own campus.

"We meet apartheid in China that we can no longer tolerate," a student statement said.

"It is not like South Africa," one African student said of the statement's reference to the white-ruled republic's policy of race separation.

"In China it is apartheid in disguise."

African students in Nanking say they were stripped and shocked with electrical truncheons after police stormed a guesthouse where they had been taken to escape attacking Chinese.

In Addis Ababa, Ide Oummarou, secretary-general of the influential Organisation of African Unity, asked China's Ambassador Gu Jiaji to intervene in what the OAU described as an appalling situation.

Libya has accused China of

oppressing black students and has offered scholarships to all 1,500 Africans studying at Chinese colleges.

**Scholarships**

China, which offers scholarships to African students as part of its aid to poor countries, has tried to deflect some of the criticism, widely seen as undermining efforts to project itself as a champion of the Third World.

In the China Daily, an official English newspaper seen mainly by foreigners, Beijing pointed out it has participated in 303 foreign aid projects in the last five years and would sign agreements for 30 more this year.

The newspaper did not mention racial tension in China.

Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang said in April that racial discrimination was common "everywhere in the world except China," but African students have long complained they meet racial abuse and discrimination.

## Jews to honour Shultz

NEW YORK, Jan 4, (AP): The anti-defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a US-based Jewish group, will honour Secretary of State George Shultz with its Klinghoffer Award for combating terrorism.

The league announced on Friday that Shultz would accept the award in June during the annual meeting of its national commission in New York.

The award is given by the league's Leon and Marilyn Klinghoffer Memorial Foundation, which was started after Leon Klinghoffer was shot to death by terrorists who seized the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985.

Their children, Lisa and Lisa Klinghoffer, cited Shultz's "courageous decision to deny Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat a visa to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York."

The Klinghoffer award was given in 1987 to the British government for breaking diplomatic relations with Syria. No award was given in 1988.

The foundation seeks to educate the public on terrorism and has sponsored conference and issued publications.

## North subpoenas Shultz to testify

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (Reuters): Lawyers for former White House aide Oliver North have issued a subpoena for Secretary of State George Shultz and other top State Department officials to testify in the trial arising from the Iran-Contra affair, the State Department said.

President Reagan and President-elect Bush have already been served with similar subpoenas.

"We have received subpoenas for a number of department officials, including Secretary Shultz," department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley told Reuters.

She said they would appear at the trial stemming from the US attempt to sell arms to Iran in exchange for the release of hostages held in Lebanon and transfer profits to the right-wing Contras rebels in Nicaragua. If that were deemed necessary "by the parties and the court."

Oakley said other officials subpoenaed by North's attorneys included undersecretary for political affairs Michael Armacost, Shultz's executive assistant Charles Hill, depart-

ment legal adviser Abraham Sofaer and assistant secretary for Inter-American affairs Elliott Abrams.

**More**

About 15 department officials had received subpoenas and more were expected, Oakley said.

Reagan and Bush were subpoenaed by North last Friday but their aides have said the request raises constitutional questions. It is extremely rare for a US President to be summoned as a witness in a criminal trial.

Oakley said the constitutional question did not appear to arise in the case of State Department officials, some of whom were already on the government's witness list for the trial, due to begin on Jan 31.

Asked if the State Department officials would appear, Oakley said: "Yes, if their appearance is determined to be necessary by the parties and the court."

By the time the trial opens, Shultz and a number of other department officials will be out of office, Reagan leaves office on Jan 20 when Bush is inaugurated as his successor.

## Reagan seeks approval of treaty on terrorism

LOS ANGELES, Jan 4, (Reuters): President Reagan, citing the 1985 seizure of an Italian cruise ship and the murder of an American tourist on board, has asked the US Senate to approve an international treaty aimed at stopping terrorist attacks against ships and their passengers.

"The seizure of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985 and the murder of American passenger Leon Klinghoffer demonstrated that no country or form of transportation is immune from the criminal savagery of those who engage in terrorist acts," Reagan said in a statement released here, where the President is vacationing.

Klinghoffer, an elderly passenger confined to a wheelchair, was killed on board the Achille Lauro after the cruise ship was seized by Palestinian guerrillas in the Mediterranean Sea.

Reagan was asking the Senate to approve a treaty adopted by an international conference in Rome in March 1988 that would require participating nations to

extradite or prosecute those who commit terrorist acts aimed at ships and their passengers and to provide severe punishment for such acts.

The United States was one of 23 countries which signed the Rome accord.

**Related treaty**

The President also requested Senate ratification of a related treaty, reached at the same international conference and designed to cover terrorist acts aimed at fixed platforms at sea such as oil-drilling platforms. Twenty-one countries including the United States signed that treaty.

The White House said the two agreements were modelled on earlier accords dealing with aircraft hijacking and sabotage.

Reagan said they were aimed at assuring that the perpetrators of such terrorist acts are brought to justice.

Drafting of the accords began in 1986 after the Achille Lauro seizure. The first drafts were prepared by the governments of Italy, Austria and Egypt.

## 5 surviving sextuplets are stable

TOKYO, Jan 4, (AP): A mother and her five surviving sextuplets, born prematurely at almost one-fifth the weight of an average newborn, were in stable condition at two separate hospitals, a doctor attending the woman said today.

The 25-year-old Japanese woman, who took fertility drugs, gave birth to the six babies, one of them stillborn, between last Saturday and Monday, said Dr Hiroshi Sudo, the family's pediatrician.

"The five babies are under treatment with an artificial respirator because they cannot breathe on their own, but otherwise they remain unchanged" from Tuesday, said Sudo, one of 10 doctors attending the babies at Kumamoto Municipal Hospital.

The survivors, all boys, were in incubators in the hospital's intensive care ward.

He said 43 hospital nurses are joining the doctors in an around-the-clock watch over the babies.

"The mother was given a blood transfusion soon after giving birth because of fatigue, but now she remains stable," said another doctor at the nearby Kumamoto University Hospital.

The babies were born 16 weeks prematurely and were about 2.3 kilograms lighter than normal babies, hospital officials said earlier.

## Wright calls for Congress-Bush co-operation

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (Reuters): US House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright, re-elected on Tuesday to a second two-year term, called for co-operation between Congress and the incoming Bush administration.

The Texas Democrat told the House on the first day of the 101st Congress: "By working together, we can help our new President fulfil his promise of a 'kindler, gentler America.'"

"We in the House leadership are eager to help him attain the goals of wider access for all Americans to education, to child care, to affordable housing and to a cleaner environment."

**No taxes**

Wright's remarks reflected efforts by Democratic leaders in the House and Senate to present a conciliatory attitude to President-elect Bush while they await the new administration's proposals on dealing with the budget deficit and other issues.

At the same time Wright and other Democrats are making clear they plan to hold Bush to his election promises on education and other social legislation that will require new spending.

Many Democrats and some Republicans believe Bush will find it impossible to cut \$35 billion from the deficit as required by law while holding the

line on "no new taxes," especially since he faces having to spend billions on cleaning up waste from nuclear weapons plants and bailing out insolvent savings and loans institutions.

Democrats are making clear that they have no intention of taking the lead in raising taxes but are waiting to hear Bush's plans following his inauguration on Jan 20.

But Bush, in the Senate to swear in newly elected senators, told reporters on Tuesday: "I saw a lot of Senators today and not one of them said 'raise my taxes.'"

Bush is expected to make revisions in the budget for the 1990 fiscal year that President Reagan is to send to Congress on Jan 9.

**Alternatives**

When that happens, Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine said, "we intend to offer constructive alternatives."

Wright said he believed that because Bush is a former member of Congress the new President would seek ways in which Congress and the new administration can co-operate.

Democrats strengthened their control of both houses in the November election and Bush will enter office dealing with more assertive legislature than President Reagan found following his election landslide in 1980.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Turkish deputy prime minister resigns

ANKARA, Jan 4. (Reuters): Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Kaya Erdem resigned today, the latest victim of multi-million dollar banking scandal, Anatolian news agency reported.

Erdem, a long-time aide to Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, told the agency reasons for his resignation included "developments after one of our newspaper published a story."

Erdem, 60, filed a law-suit against the mass-circulation Hurriyet newspaper in December after it linked him to an \$80 million banking fraud.

#### Accepted

Ozal told the agency that he had accepted Erdem's resignation with regret.

Hurriyet said on Dec 12 a "senior government minister" had links with Turkish businessman Kemal Horzum, now on trial on charges of swindling \$80 million from the state-owned Turkiye Emlak Bankasi.

The newspaper printed a blacked-out profile of Erdem alongside its report, which made allegations about a Swiss bank account held by Erdem.

Horzum was detained in Switzerland last July and returned to Turkey to face trial.

#### Disparity

"Developments after one of our newspaper published a story and announcements made by officials including our prime minister have shown clearly that there is a serious disparity between our prime minister and me," Erdem said.

Erdem co-operated closely with Ozal during the 1980-83 military takeover, when Erdem was Finance Minister and Ozal was Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy.

Erdem was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in 1983 and has held that post since then. No new post has been announced for him.

The director-general of the Turkiye Emlak Bankasi, Bulent Semih, resigned last month after a row with the government over his attempt to recover the money owed to his bank.

Semih remained an adviser to Ozal.

### National Security Ministry scrapped

## Premadasa forms interim cabinet

COLOMBO, Jan 4. (Reuters): Sri Lanka President Ranasinghe Premadasa formed a 20-strong interim cabinet today, urging ministers to ensure that essential services disrupted by recent rebel violence worked at peak efficiency.

Nine members of the old government were dropped. Seven were asked to resign because their constituencies did not return a majority for the ruling party in last month's presidential election and two more resigned on health grounds.

Finance and Planning Minister Naima Marikar was one of the two who resigned on health

grounds. The only woman in the old cabinet, Wimala Kannan-gara, also quit.

Premadasa remains prime minister, his post for the past 11 years under outgoing President Junius Jayewardene. He took over 10 other portfolios, including defence, finance, and planning.

#### Retain

Lalith Athulathudali's National Security Ministry, responsible until a year ago for the fight against Tamil separatist guerrillas, was scrapped. Athulathudali was given the Food Ministry in addition to the trade and shipping portfolios he handled earlier.

The interim cabinet will function until a new government is formed after a general election on February 15. Premadasa has expressed confidence his ruling United National Party will retain power.

The interim cabinet decided at its first meeting to draw up a code of conduct for future parliamentarians "so as to help them to lead a clean life". New Information Minister Festus Perera told a news conference.

Perera said the cabinet in future would start proceedings with prayers.

"We will pray to our gods in our own minds before every cabinet meeting," Perera said.

noting that there were Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians in the interim government.

He said the cabinet noted that there had been no major violence since Premadasa was elected President in the December 19 poll.

Police reported seven political killings overnight in provincial areas and said they suspected gunmen of the leftwing People's Liberation Front.

The front, composed of members of the majority Sinhalese community, described the election as a fraud and attempted to disrupt it with attacks on polling stations, election workers and voters.

## Shiite fighting flares up in south Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan 4. (AP): Fighting flared in south Lebanon today after Syrian troops moved into embattled neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Beirut to separate rival Shiite Muslim factions locked in a battle for mastery of their community.

A police spokesman said 10 combatants were wounded in the mortar duels that erupted at 2 pm (1200 GMT) in Iklim El-Tiffah, or Apple Province, shattering an overnight lull.

The new casualties hiked the overall toll in the five-day confrontation to 29 killed and 76 wounded.

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, said it was not known which of the two factions — the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, and the Syrian-backed Amal — rekindled the confrontation just north of Israel's self-designated security zone in south Lebanon.

The two factions have been fighting for control of villages bordering the northwestern edge of the security zone. Amal is entrenched in the market town of Nabatieh and Hezbollah holds positions in the nearby villages of Jbaa, Ein Bouswar, Jarjou, Arab Saleem and Louwazeh.

In south Beirut's slums, the undeclared truce was still hold-

ing, but officials feared it may not last in the absence of a political settlement of the power struggle that has raged for nine months.

The Shiite Muslim community's mufti, said in a statement: "The only solution is to disarm the (two) militias."

Their weapons have become tools for killing children and other innocent people," Sheikh Abdul Amir Qabalan said.

"No one should be allowed to possess weapons in south Beirut except the Syrian forces," he added.

The Syrians, who have had some 4,500 troops in south Beirut since the first round of Hezbollah-Amal fighting last year, redeployed in the area during the night.

#### Bank theft

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 4. (Reuters): Police have issued arrest warrants for four Malaysians alleged to have stolen 22.2 million ringgit (\$8.2 million) from the country's Central Bank.

Police are also probing the possibility that others beside the four — who include a lawyer and a former clerk at the bank — may be involved, a police statement said.

## Ex-Czech diplomat given asylum in UK

LONDON, Jan 4. (AP): A former Czechoslovak diplomat in India, Vlastimil Lubvik, has been granted political asylum in Britain, the British Foreign Office said last night.

Lubvik was first secretary at his country's embassy in New Delhi but the Foreign Office would not say when he arrived in Britain or give background on his defection.

A spokesman said that Home Secretary Douglas Hurd granted the asylum request and Lubvik was in Britain.

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, said Lubvik approached Sir David Goodall, the British High Commissioner (ambassador) in New Delhi, more than two weeks ago and came to Britain before Dec 25.

The agency said Czechoslovak authorities reported Lubvik had disappeared and suggested he had been abducted.

London-Prague relations have been cool in recent years.

In September, Britain expelled three Czechoslovak diplomats, including two military attaches, for spying. Six days later, Prague retaliated by ordering two British military attaches to leave.

## Indian Airlines crash caused by negligence, says report

NEW DELHI, Jan 4. (Agencies): Reports submitted to an investigating committee indicate that the pilot of an Indian Airlines jetliner which crashed and killed 133 people occasionally forgot to do landing checks, a newspaper reported today.

The Statesman, a Calcutta-based daily, also said the co-pilot did not have a valid flying license.

The newspaper gained access to technical reports submitted to a committee appointed by the Civil Aviation Ministry to find out what caused the Oct 19 accident.

Details of the inquiry will be submitted to the federal government on Jan 31, the newspaper said.

#### Clipped

The Boeing 737, flying from Bombay, clipped a tree, struck a power line and exploded on its final approach to Ahmedabad airport in central India, killing 129 passengers and six crew members. Only two passengers survived.

According to The Statesman, a 1987 performance report said Capt. O.N. Dalaya, who was piloting the plane, "tends to forget descent approach checks."

The Civil Aviation Ministry also submitted a report to the commission, disclosing the co-pilot Capt. Deepak Nagpal's license expired six days before the crash, the newspaper said.

The report also noted that the

18-year-old aircraft had been "substantially damaged" in accidents in 1980 and 1983.

The crash was the airline's 16th major crash in its 26-year history.

On Monday, former Minister of State for Internal Security Arun Nehru told Parliament the airline has become "a national disgrace" and urged Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to correct the problems.

#### Threat

Meanwhile, a bomb threat forced two Singapore-bound Air-India jetliners to make emergency landings, one on the Indonesian island of Bali and the other in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, officials said today.

An Air-India spokesman in Singapore said an unidentified person called the airline yesterday saying a bomb was aboard an Air-India flight bound for Singapore.

The spokesman said two Air-India flights were scheduled to land in Singapore yesterday afternoon — a Boeing 747 from Sydney, Australia, with 280 people aboard, and an Airbus carrying 137 passengers on a flight from Kuala Lumpur.

Both planes were told of the threat and made landings as soon as possible.

The Air-India Boeing 747 jumbo jet made an emergency landing at Bali's Ngurah Rai international airport yesterday

afternoon, Indonesia's Antara news agency reported in Jakarta.

A special bomb-disposal crew searched the aircraft but did not find an explosive device, it said.

The Air-India spokesman, who called the threat a "hoax," said the jumbo jet left Indonesia after an overnight stay and headed for Singapore today.

The Airbus, Air-India Flight 432, had just taken off yesterday afternoon from Kuala Lumpur's Subang international airport bound for Singapore and Madras, India, when it was told of the bomb threat and turned back.

Two bomb-disposal squads carried out a three-hour search of the plane at Subang but found nothing. Bad weather then prevented the plane from continuing its journey until this morning, 17 hours late.

#### Traffic accidents

SEOUL, Jan 4. (AP): Traffic accidents killed 133 people in South Korea the five-day holiday period at the end of 1988, police reported today.

The death toll represented an increase of 20.9 per cent over the same period last year, police said.

Police also listed the number of people injured in traffic accidents during the five-day period at 3,198, up 38.6 per cent from a year ago.

## Benazir to visit Makkah



#### Benazir links

ISLAMABAD, Jan 4. (Reuters): Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto will visit Saudi Arabia next week on a religious pilgrimage, her first foreign trip since taking office last month, the Foreign Ministry said today.

A ministry spokesman said the visit from Jan 10-11 was purely for a pilgrimage to Makkah.

"It will not be an official visit," he said.

It was not immediately known if Benazir, who took office on Dec 2 as the first woman Prime Minister of a Muslim nation, would meet Saudi leaders during the trip.

Benazir said last month her first official visit abroad would be to China, after the Saudi pilgrimage, but no date has been set.



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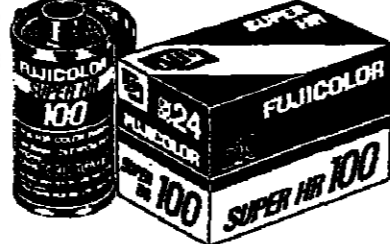
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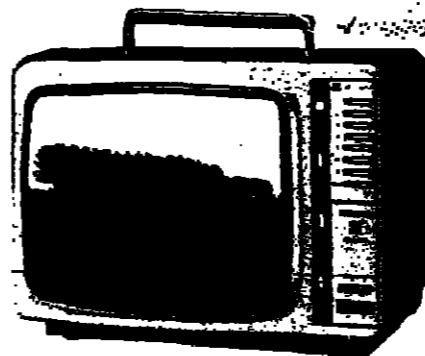
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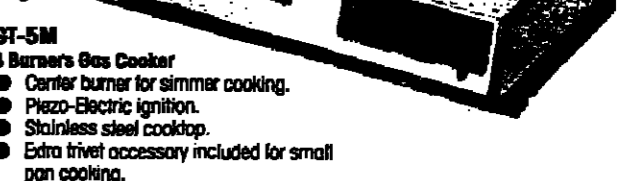
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## Interior Ministry defines borders of five governorates

THE Interior Minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah issued a decision yesterday defining the administrative borders of the five governorates of Kuwait. The five governorates are the Capital, Hawalli, Farwaniya, Jahra and Ahmadi. A fifth governorate, Farwaniya, was established at the end of last year.

The Capital governorate is bordered by the sea from the north and east. In the south it extends from the sea, in the east, down along the 3rd Ring Road till it meets the Maghreb Road, still extending southward till the meeting of the 4th Ring Road with Maghreb Street. The western border of the capital governorate extends from the crossing of Maghreb Street with 4th Ring Road across the 4th Ring Road till it meets the Jahra Road.

The Hawalli capital is bordered by the Capital governorate from the north and from the sea in the east and runs southward till it meets the 7th Ring Road. In the south, it extends along the 7th Ring Road till it crosses with Assafar Motorway. In the west, the border runs from the 7th Ring Road along the Assafar Motorway till it meets the 4th Ring Road.

In the new governorate of Farwaniya, the north is bordered by the line extending from the crossing of Maghreb Road with the 4th Ring Road and along the 4th Ring Road to the west till it meets Jahra Road. It further extends westward along the Jahra Road till its crossing with Sulabiya road. In the west, Farwaniya borders begin from the crossing of Jahra and Sulabiya roads and extends southward along Sulabiya road till it meets 7th Ring Road. In the south the border begins from the crossing of Sulabiya Road with 7th Ring Road along the 7th Ring Road till its crossing with Assafar Motorway. While in the east the border is between 7th Ring Road and 4th Ring Road along Assafar Motorway.

The borders of the Jahra governorate extend from its borders with the Capital, Farwaniya and Ahmadi in the east and south to the international borders with Iraq in the north and the sea in the east and Iraq in the west.

The Ahmadi governorate runs south of the 7th Ring Road down till the Saudi borders and meets Jahra borders in the east.



Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah made an inspection tour of the General Department for Immigration Affairs yesterday. The Interior Minister met with General Director of the Immigration Department Brigadier Khaled Al Munayes and discussed issues concerning the department's affairs. He also inspected the flow of work at the department.

## Housing problem receives priority treatment: Roudhan

THE Minister of State for Housing Affairs Naser Abdullah Al Roudhan has said that the housing problem receives priority attention from the government.

He told members of the Kuwait Journalists Society that the reasons for this were based on a number of factors, and that this was reflected in the fact that the Higher Housing Council had four ministers and 12 individuals from the private sector on its board who possessed knowledge and experience of housing care skills.

Al Roudhan said the government had also established the National Housing Authority to handle all administrative and technical affairs, and granted considerable freedom of action, independent of advance control, supervision of authorities like the Audit Bureau and regulations of the Central Tenders Committee.

Allocation He pointed out that the government had allocated a total of KD1500 million for the construction of housing projects and another KD1 billion to the Credit and Savings Bank as loans to citizens to fund their private housing enterprises.

He said that a total of 19,000 houses were constructed during the Housing Authority's first five-year plan (1975-80), and that the second five-year plan was allocated for the construction of integrated housing projects (1980-85), which included the provision of public facilities and the introduction of flat-type homes.

Implementation Referring to the upcoming fourth five-year plan (1990-95) that the housing project would be constructed on 15 different sites of 1500 hectares each, and that this plan would be implemented carefully to ensure high-quality and minimum cost.

He added that government scientific institutions were contributing their research for the construction of upcoming housing projects.

Al Roudhan noted that future construction would largely be based on the vertical expansion approach in order to meet the housing needs of 26,000 applicants who are already on the list and 52,000 more whom we hope will satisfy with the implementation of the fourth five-year plan.

## Islamic Encyclopaedia will be an Amiri gift

# Islam condemns terrorism in any form, says scholar

By Lima Al Khalafawi

ISLAM does not approve terrorism in any form, nor does it support violence, according to a Muslim scholar.

Dr Inamullah Khan, secretary-general of Motamar Al Alam Al Islami, told a news conference yesterday that terrorism was the creation of the Mafia, for achieving its ulterior motives, mainly to accumulate money through illegal means.

Khan, a Pakistani, is presently on a four-day visit to Kuwait to advise and discuss the compilation of an Islamic Encyclopaedia, which is presently being worked upon by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Planning, under the supervision of the Assistant Undersecretary for technical co-operation Miriam Al Awadi.

Khan said that it is very wrong to link Islam with terrorism. Islam condemns terrorism. Islam is just a world-wide message of peace, goodwill and better understanding between different peoples of the world.

Peace Unfortunately, Islam has been presented in a very corrupt, unbalanced manner and we want to present Islam's real message of peace for all mankind, Khan said.

He pointed out the importance of the Islamic Encyclopaedia as a largely important historical publication to shed light on the different Muslim countries of the world.

He added that the Islamic Encyclopaedia contains detailed information on each of the 46 Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) countries providing coverage on the social, historical, industrial, agricultural



Inamullah Khan ... understanding

and geographical aspects of each country. He told newsmen that he had suggested that a separate chapter be included in this encyclopaedia on Muslim minorities throughout the world.

The 1,500 page Islamic Encyclopaedia consists of three volumes with an introduction of the background of Islam, with emphasis on the 20th century and information of the OIC since its inception in 1949 in Rabat.

Khan said the HH the Amir who is the current chairman of OIC treats issues related to the Islamic countries with respect and that the Islamic Encyclopaedia will be the Amir's gift to the OIC at the upcoming 6th Islamic summit to be held in Senegal in January 1990.

The encyclopaedia will be printed in three languages,

Arabic, English and French. This publication, Khan said, will be of great help to all international agencies, libraries and news agencies.

The Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Planning, Miriam Al Awadi, said that information for this work has been collected from the OIC, the UN and its specialised agencies, the Arab League and its organisations, the Gulf Co-operation Council, the Organisation of African Unity and other sources. She also said that she had to collect information about OIC member countries such as Gambia, Brunei, Sierra Leone and Guinea which do not have diplomatic representation in Kuwait, by visiting Riyadh where most of these countries have their embassies.

Miriam added that the encyclopaedia will be reviewed and modernised periodically, so as to include the latest information on Muslim countries. She also said that the encyclopaedia will be completed by October this year when all the information is incorporated.

Khan is the first Muslim to have received the prestigious Templeton Foundation Award on Sept 28th 1988. He in turn donated the prize money to the International Foundation for Human Progress.

The Templeton Award is given to people who work for strengthening religious values, ethical concepts and other similar noble principles which uphold the dignity of humanity and the cause of peace. The religion of the receiver is irrelevant. Khan is also currently the president and chairman of the executive committee of the World Conference on Religion and Peace.

## Airport expansion to begin in 1990

ISSA AL MAZIDI, the Minister of Service Affairs, said that Kuwait's International Airport expansion project will be included in the 1989/1990 budget.

In an interview with a local daily, he said that the expansions were designed to meet post 2000AD requirements. He added that Kuwait's distinguished position will help develop and improve the transit trade, as the local ports had been designed to serve all the countries in the region.

Mazidi said that Kuwait's location in the vicinity of Iraq and Iran provides it with a unique position, especially after the ceasefire between the two warring countries. He also said that Kuwait will not hesitate to play a significant role in developing the Gulf area.

Transit Mazidi expects that the transit trade will be brisk in several sectors including construction since both Iraq and Iran will strive to reconstruct all installations and buildings which were affected in

the eight-year-war.

Mazidi said that the transport sector will witness a renaissance too, although this sector will require a long time to play its major role. He said that although the re-export had been enhanced following the ceasefire, no significant progress had been made so far. He hoped that Kuwait will restore its position and play its significant role in the developmental movement as a station for re-exports. This will depend on the outcomes of the peace negotiations, he added.

### Schemes

The minister said, he was also following the latest developments in air and marine transport and hopes that Kuwait will learn from the mistakes of other countries to obtain optimum utilisation for local ports. He added that handling equipment in Kuwaiti ports had been modernised and spacious storage areas were provided.

Mazidi expects the shipping movements in the ports to be reactivated and said that

schemes to get incoming ships distributed around the ports are available. He added that during the eight year war, Kuwait did not witness any major expansion but the efficiency and potential of the ports were developed and improved.

He admitted that some ports required expansion of their berths but that the issue requires studying, planning and co-ordination with all concerned authorities.

The minister said that Kuwait's ports revenues were affected by the war, although no estimation could be given and that had affected the budget of the Public Ports Authority (PPA).

Mazidi said that the first stage of the airport expansion project will start in 1990 and will be completed in the next five years and new expansions will include removing some installations, constructing a new passenger terminal, expanding the cargo terminal, constructing a supplies building, a tunnel and a new car park.

## Factory for recycling garbage planned

THE Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai has said that the burying of garbage in Kuwait requires large tracts of empty land because of the large quantities of daily refuse.

The municipality collects about 2,500 tons of garbage daily. He said that small land mass, expansion of buildings and the increase of population in Kuwait will lead to the loss of the

large tracts necessary for the burial of garbage.

He further added that land used for burying garbage can be used for the construction of buildings only after a considerable lapse of time. They could however be used as gardens or parks in the future.

### Studies

Rifai added that the municipality has conducted studies on the best way to reduce this problem by establishing a factory to produce organic fertilisers from garbage. The fertilisers will be used in agricultural projects to green Kuwait and preserve the environment from pollution. The project has been referred to the Ministry of Finance for further study.

Minister Al Rifai pointed out

that the municipality has already planned sites for public parks in Sabahiya, Abu Hulaifa, Bayan and Jahra. The park project will be carried out when the next budget is allocated for afforestation. These parks will be built by the Public Authority for Agriculture, Public Works Ministry and the Kuwait Municipality.

Rifai also pointed out that the municipality organised the Central Market for vegetables and fruits in Shuwaikh, based on modern planning methods. He also said that the municipality is doing its best to offer good and cheap services to customers at the market. He further added that the municipality has not received any complaints against the companies that offer loading and portering services at the market.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

### Bahrain aims to see 80 per cent of its smokers kick the habit by 2000

IN RECENT years Bahrain has been pursuing a vigorous anti-smoking campaign with remarkable success. The number of smokers in the island has decreased substantially by about 40 per cent in a decade, thanks to the joint efforts of the Bahrain Anti-Smoking Society and the Ministry of Health. The import of tobacco has also dropped sharply in recent times.

Smoking has been the number one health hazard and the major cause of coronary heart disease in Bahrain. But now extensive programmes are under way to educate the public about the dangers of smoking to health and to discourage smoking in all walks of society.

In an interview with the Arab Times, Dr Mohammed Awad Al Khatib, Chief of Health Education Section of the Ministry of Health, spoke about the dangers of smoking to health and the implementation of health education programmes to tackle the problem in a big way.

Dr Al Khatib emphasised that the Bahrain Anti-Smoking Society has been in the forefront to eradicate smoking in the country, ever since its inception in 1979. The society, the only one of its kind in the Gulf, has been active over the years in its endeavour to introduce various programmes to discourage smoking in general and to persuade smokers to quit smoking.

He added that the society has conducted several studies on smokers in Bahrain recently by means of questionnaires, interviews and seminars. The studies conclude that generally expatriates exceed locals among the number of regular smokers in the island. The number of smokers has decreased by 13 per cent over the last three years, according to the studies.

"It is extremely difficult and quite impractical to determine the exact number of smokers in Bahrain. However, we can have a general idea through our surveys and studies on smoking," said Dr Al Khatib.

He added that Bahrain is the first Gulf state to introduce 50 per cent custom tariff on imports on tobacco, in a bid to discourage smoking. The move, implemented last year, has been widely acclaimed and successful. It is likely to be followed by other GCC states soon.

The import of tobacco to Bahrain has decreased by about 15 per cent between 1985 and 87. In 1985 a total of 886 tons of cigarettes was imported — the figure was reduced to 863 tons in 1986. In 1987 only 771 tons were imported.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) asserts that smoking has generally decreased in developed countries, while increasing in developing countries.

However, Bahrain has proved this trend wrong by seeing a sharp drop in smoking according to Dr Al Khatib.

According to a study conducted by the Bahrain Centre for Research and Development (BCRD), smoking is the major cause for coronary heart diseases in Bahrain. In 1986, 33.35 per cent of total diseases in the island were due to circulatory diseases caused by smoking.

Smoking is the number one killer in the world. Governments worldwide have given top priority to reduce this dreadful habit. Although a total ban on smoking cannot be implemented by governments because of the enormous economic gain and the rights of an individual, there are extensive efforts to put a halt to smoking.

"Smoking is a bigger problem than AIDS. It is a universal problem of vast magnitude. There are smokers in all countries, whereas AIDS is confined to certain areas because of lifestyle and habits," explained Dr Al Khatib.

"It has been medically confirmed that a person loses 5 minutes of his life by inhaling one cigarette," he added.

Health education programmes already exist in schools and other educational institutions in Bahrain. Anti-smoking studies have been incorporated in the curriculum of secondary education.

"It is very important that we start from the base. Our target is the youth of our country. One can be addicted to smoking at a very young age. Children must learn about the ill effects of smoking now. It is very gratifying to know that our efforts are already paying off. In many homes children discourage their parents from smoking. Some of the students have taken up interest in our campaigns by participating and offering their services. Our new anti-smoking poster has been designed by a student from an intermediate school," said Dr Al Khatib.

By the year 2000 Bahrain aims to see 80 per cent of its smokers kick the habit. Dr Al Khatib, who is also on the advisory panel of WHO and secretary of the Anti-Smoking Society, said Bahrain will launch a campaign on Jan 10 to mark the tenth anniversary of the Anti-Smoking Society.

He said a host of extensive programmes will soon be under way to fight smoking, focusing particularly on youths. Together with the health education programmes of the ministry, the Bahrain Anti-Smoking Society will conduct a series of anti-smoking lectures and seminars at various educational institutions. The campaign will feature distribution of posters, leaflets to educate students and adults alike on the dangers of smoking. Special films will be shown as well. "Nicorette" — a chewing gum like deterrent — is being publicised widely. Some of the leading hotels in Bahrain such as Regency and Sheraton have joined the campaign to discourage smoking among their staff.

The Bahrain Anti-Smoking Society is headed by Sheikh Isa Bin Mohammad Al Khalifa and has 2000 members.

### Four-year term for assault

THE criminal court has sentenced a man to four years in jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation on the charge of inflicting severe injuries on another's face.

The court heard that the defendant picked up a brick during an argument with the victim and hit him on the face causing severe injury and bleeding.

### Lady beater

THE first degree court sentenced a man to a one year prison term for beating a lady.

The man was acquitted from abduction charges after hearing both his and the lady's statements in court.

The lady claimed that the man abducted her by force into his car and drove away from her place. She added that the man beat her, but she was able to escape after that.



Senior students of the Indian School, Kuwait, present a welcome song in celebration of their Annual Parents Day. The programme which included a number of dances was held at the Indian Arts Circle in Funafina.

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## EVENTS

# The stuff that dreams are made of...

LET'S start with some name-dropping. Directing plays for BBC World Service since 1983, I have had the privilege of working with the creme de la creme of English actors and actresses. To mention but a few: Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Dorothy Tutin, Kenneth Branagh, Billie Whitelaw, Bob Peck, David Suchet, Gemma Jones, Jane Lapotaire... Now I can proudly add to that illustrious list one of the greatest actors of this century, Sir John Gielgud.

You might think it arrogant to quote these names. (Yes!) Well, I make no apologies for it: I simply relish the good luck which I, a relatively unknown Latin American director, have had in passing through the orbit of such stars.

Were it not for the two miles of recorded tape which encapsulate my production of *The Tempest*, I might be tempted to think that my directing John Gielgud as Prospero in his first ever performance on BBC was nothing but a delusion.

In the early hours of August 1st last year, suffering from acute insomnia and wracked with nerves, I found myself pacing up and down the far end of studio N41 in Bush House with my adaptation of *The Tempest* tucked under my arm.

In the imposing silence of an empty studio which had almost become a second home to me, I could hear not only my footsteps but also a collage of voices and sounds from past productions. This was the very place in which Trevor Howard, as Lear, roared like a lion: "Blow wind and crack your cheeks"; where Michael Pennington uttered Luther's dramatic cry: "I have never set out to be a saint"; the very place in which we built and destroyed—the barricades for Les Miserables, Chekhov's orchard, and the stage for Pirandello's six characters...

Then I heard my own voice: "Will Gielgud want to be directed? Directed by me? Why should he?"

**Record**  
Gielgud's record is formidable. His association with *The Tempest* began in 1926, when

Recording a play for BBC World Service can be a dramatic experience in itself, especially when the production stars an actor of the stature of Sir John Gielgud. BBC's Walter Acosta explains how he has been indulging himself as a director.

he played young Ferdinand. Thereafter he was always Prospero: in 1930 at the Old Vic; in 1938, directed by George Devine and Marius Goring; in 1957, the famous Stratford production by Peter Brook and, in 1974, an operatic production by Peter Hall for the National Theatre.

Not forgetting, of course, his radio performances as the deposed Duke of Milan in 1931, 1948 and 1953. This would be Gielgud's eighth Prospero, 57 years on from the first. Quite understandable for me to be nervous, wouldn't you agree?

I suspect the other members of the cast were equally nervous; few of them had worked with Gielgud before. The call was for 10 o'clock. Not surprisingly, everyone was there a few minutes early, restless as greyhounds before a race. Some smoked, some buried their heads in the script, others discussed possible answers to clue number four of that day's Times crossword.

Enter Gielgud. The actors jumped to their feet. A sort of Greek chorus greeted him with an unrehearsed but neverthe-



Sir John Gielgud in *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. Less splendidly orchestrated "Good morning, Sir John." Pleased, but slightly embarrassed, I thought, Gielgud acknowledged with a graceful nod and sat down to dig his script out of the familiar brown BBC envelope. Our five-day collective journey to raise Shakespeare's script off the page had begun.

The frog in my throat was threatening to make a fool of

me but I nonetheless proceeded to welcome Sir John by recalling my very first lesson in English drama when, as a young actor in Montevideo in 1965, I saw him playing *Men and Women* in Shakespeare. Then I mumbled a few words about *The Tempest*. And mumbled they were, under Gielgud's piercing look, the reading glasses perched suspiciously on that noble Roman nose.

The power of his presence was felt at all times, energising each of us around him. There was nothing deliberate or affected about it.

If a director has cast well, and has only five short days in which to produce a play, he has no time or need to make long speeches — assuming I could make them anyway! Rehearsal time is far too precious for intellectual one-upmanship.

A man of few, precise words when we were briefly discussing a scene, Gielgud would often bring out — with the least effort — the hidden significance of a single line. Prospero's words sounded as if they had never before uttered by him, so fresh and rich were they.

His approach to the role had

an inescapable logic, making its conclusion inevitable. But he was open-minded from the outset. "I somewhat regret," he wrote to me on receipt of my adaptation, "the transposing of the opening lines of the play, but quite see that it may be more effective for listeners."

**Retakes**  
Sir John was kind enough to take direction from me. He even suggested a couple of retakes of the famous passage: "We are such stuff as dreams are made on." ("I didn't think I was very good in it, did you, Walter?")

He was equally obliging when I somewhat tentatively suggested, earlier in the day, that we had not yet struck the right balance between the two sides of Prospero's character: the loving father and the harsh magician. He was concerned, and rightly so, not to project one at the expense of the other.

By the end of the second day, I began to notice how he would sometimes lower his eyes to pose them on the script only to use it as a springboard and raise his eyes again. The way Gielgud looks at you leaves you in no doubt about whether he approves or disapproves. And you take it from there, of course.

The other extraordinary thing about him — particularly outside the constrained environment of a studio — is his vitality, his zest for life as reflected in a compulsive love for storytelling, which is always fun but never malicious. His good friend Ralph Richardson described that better than anyone else: "Gielgud's exuberance bubbles out of him like a brilliant fountain."

The conversations we had over lunch are as important and dear to me as the exhilaration I got from working with him on *The Tempest*. If Gielgud was born with a crown on his head, as Sir Laurence Olivier once put it, he was certainly not wearing it for the whole of the five days we spent with him in the studio last year. We saw not only the genius but more importantly, the human being.

## Preview of The Tempest

when Prospero's magical powers cause the wreck of a ship carrying the King of Naples, Ferdinand, the King's son and Antonio himself. No one perishes, but Ariel — at his master's instigation — subjects the usurpers of Prospero's dukedom to a variety of terrors. Will they repent? Will Prospero, a loving father, be so blinded by anger and bitterness that he will condemn his enemies to perpetual indignities? Or will he forgive them?

This Play of the Week is the first production of William Shakespeare's play on World Service. The cast, led by Sir John Gielgud as Prospero, also includes Bernard Hepton as Caliban, Karen Ascoe as Miranda, and Sam Dastor as Ariel. The *Tempest* is directed and adapted in two 60-minute parts by Walter Acosta.

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## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT — Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

**Arabian Gulf St.**  
**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Sultan Gallery**  
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery. Thunayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Sour St. Open daily from 5-9 pm.

**Iwan Gallery**  
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salamiya.

**Ghadir Gallery**  
JAN 10-24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Kuwait Society for Formative Arts**  
JAN 27 to Feb 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

The society invites formative artists, Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti, to submit their works. Rules: The exhibition is open to

all plastic artists residing in Kuwait. A maximum of three paintings can be submitted. Only original works which have not been exhibited before in Kuwait or elsewhere will be accepted. The works of art that will go on show will be selected by a committee and the Society retains the right to reject any work of art. The last date for submitting entries is Jan 20. Entries can be delivered from 5 to 8 pm at the premises of the K.S.F.A., Hawalli.

### THEATRE

**Tamil Play**  
JAN 6: 5 pm. IAC presents full-length Tamil play entitled "Unmaiye Unn Vilai Enna?" (Truth: What is the Price?) Directed by C.K.V. Raman. For guest passes call 3904817: 3903879; 4881359; 5616930.

**Konkani Drama**  
JAN 13: 3 pm. Labour Union Hall, Hawalli. The Goa Cultural Association presents Konkani drama entitled "Tujm Sukh Mozo Dusan," written and directed by Rex de Bardez. The cast includes the Mendes Brothers, Anthony and guest-stars from Goa: William de Curtorim and S. Lemos. For details contact the GCA members.

**Kuwait Players**  
Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 17 (7.30 pm) Gala night including buffet. Jan 18 and 25 (6.30 pm) family night. Jan 19/26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm). Jan 20: 3 pm, 5.30 pm. Jan 23: 5.30 pm. Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland. Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets — KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048, 5657749.

### SOCIAL

**Nirjhar Group**  
JAN 6: The Nirjhar Cultural Group will stage a cultural show at the Al Andalus

Ballroom. Holiday Inn Hotel, to celebrate Bangladesh's Victory Day. For invitations contact Firoz on 4310483.

**Canadian Women's League**  
JAN 7: The next meeting of the Canadian Women's League will be held on Saturday from 4 to 6 pm. For details call 3718678.

**German-Speaking Cultural Association**  
JAN 8: The Association starts the New Year with their regular monthly coffee morning for German-speaking ladies. It will be held on Sunday from 10 am at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

**Contact**  
JAN 14: The next meeting of the ladies information group Contact will be held at the SAS Tent. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details tel: 3720197/4874513. 5388105.

**Bharathi Kalai Mandram**  
JAN 20: IAC, Funaites. The Bharathi Kalai Mandram, a fine art association of the Tamil-speaking community, will celebrate the Nehru centenary and Pongal, a harvest festival. A variety show featuring classical dances, drama and music will be held. For entry passes call 5331561.

**Mando Festival**  
The Kuwaiti Konkani Kendra will organise a "Mando Festival." Anyone interested in taking part can contact the organisers on Tel: 2644983 before Jan 30.

### HOTELS

**At the Holiday Inn**  
AL ANDALUS Night Club features Sharazed BBQ on Wednesday night; Arab singers provide live entertainment. Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern cuisine; top Arabian singers serenade in the Al Andalus.

**At the International**  
LA PALMA offers the Friday Brunch from 11.30 am to 3 pm. Hot and cold buffet, entertainment for families and light music by the Soft Trio.

**The Failaka Restaurant**  
features lunch and dinner. The menu offers international cuisine. In the evenings, the all-ladies group from Poland, the Soft Trio, will entertain guests.

**At Messalah Beach**  
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours. buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

**At the Sheraton**  
Riccardo's: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Senna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.

**Al Hamba: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesday's is Thai Night; Wednesdays: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.**

**Friday's buffet brunch** while the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.

**Hunt Room: lunch and dinner rest.** specialises in meat and fish dishes.

**Le Tarbouche: offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner. Thursdays: Arab world specialties night.**

**Coffee Shop** offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

### At the SAS

**AL BUSTAN Friday Brunch:** for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

**Peacock Room: Chinese meals** prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

**Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week"** prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

**At the Continental**  
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

**Darbar: daily Indian lunch** buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

**At the Pullman**  
ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

### SPORTS

**Ahmad Kart Racing**  
JAN 6 (Friday): Kart racing at Ahmad KOC track. Starts at 1.30 pm. Gates open to spectators. Entrance: 500 fils. All are welcome.

**PBAK Bowling**  
JAN 6 (Friday) 8.30 am: Quezon City vs Paranaque (KAC); Zamboanga City vs Cavite City (Chiquita). At 11.30 am: Manila vs Valenzuela; Mandaluyong vs Las Pinas; At 2.30 pm: Makati vs Baguio City; San Juan vs Calocan City. The league has been sponsored by Dollarco Exchange Co. Ltd., and Holiday Inn Hotel.

**Football Tournament**  
JAN 20: Rising Stars seven-a-side one-day football tournament will be held at Al Sour Ground. Teams wishing to participate can contact Lawrence — Tel: 4832409; 2657293; Eric — Tel: 3262800/3650466.

**Tennis Clinic**  
Tennis Clinic starts at the Kuwait International Hotel from Feb. 4. Registration has now begun. For details call Colin Hall, Tel: 2533000.

### PRAYERS

Fajr 5.19  
Zahar 11.54  
Asr 2.46 pm  
Maghreb 5.04  
Isha 6.26

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial  
9.45 Turn Tek wal Alfal  
10.15 Documentary  
10.45 Our Tender Warriors: English film  
12.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via Satellite  
1.40 Fawazir Al Munasabat: prepared by Yahya Fakhrani, Hala Fuad, Sabirin  
2.00 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.  
4.45 Bambo: Cartoons  
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 From People's Art  
7.30 Show Jumping: local equestrian events  
8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkur  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 TV Window: prepared and presented by Abdul Rahman Najjar  
11.00 Ghalat Al Umm: Arabic film. Starring: Safiya Al Omari, Yusuf Shaban, Maryam Fakhraddin. Directed by Ismael Hassan  
12.15 Akhbarna Lakum: "We Present..." variety show  
1.35 News Summary  
1.20 World today via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

### FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
9.45 Children's Magazine  
10.15 Fayez Al Tush: Arabic serial, featuring Ghanem Slaiti, Abdul Aziz Jassim  
11.00 Abadith Mauduwa: religious programme  
11.15 Friday prayer  
12.30 Alwan: prepared by Mohammad Saeed  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via Satellite  
1.35 Istaraba:  
2.00 We and Our Friends  
2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk  
2.45 Cartoons  
3.15 Cultural Film  
4.00 Ghawi Al Mashakil: Arabic serial, featuring Khalil Shawki, Sana Abdul Rahman, Fawzi Mahdi  
5.00 Kaifa Wa Akhwatuba: prepared and presented by Shareef Al Ilmi  
6.00 Kuwait in a Week  
7.00 News Summary



Mr T stars in TNT, tonight on KTV 2.

7.15 KTV 1 Programmes Preview  
7.45 Al Usrah: "The Family." Fatima Rashid and Futuoh Al Dalali discuss the role of the family in Arab society.  
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk  
9.00 News  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Amsiya Al Jumaa: weekly local programme.  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 World today via Satellite

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial  
6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: a programme for young viewers. Tonight's story is about a king who hires a weaver's daughter to make gold strings from hay.  
7.30 TNT: Mr T stars in this new adventure series.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Oldest Rookie: new thriller incredible Sunday: a programme on the lines of Believe it or Not with such features as a dog ice skating; a painter's infatuation with a picture and the story of a pilot.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Oceans of Fire". Starring: George Harrison, Billy Dee Williams. The story of a group of oil drillers who work underwater.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

**FRIDAY**  
4.00 Holy Quran  
4.10 The Sylvanian Family: new cartoon feature for children.  
4.20 Italian Football: highlights of games.  
5.30 American Basketball: highlights of the American basketball games.  
6.30 Star Trek: the adventures onboard the Enterprise continue as Captain Peckard finds himself in California, playing a lawyer to defend a woman.

7.30 Face to Face: a new feature  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Breaking Away  
8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games.  
9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait.  
10.00 The Charming: a half-hour comedy about a family which returns to life after 1,000 years.  
10.30 Desperado: thriller about Doyel's encounters with the law.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

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Al Sadaf Pharmacy  
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Farwaniya  
Al Huwaila Pharmacy  
Mustausaf St.  
Jahra  
Al Najah Pharmacy  
Badar Al Sumait Bldg., Block 48, Area 4

### FRIDAY

**Kuwait**  
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Awqaf Bldg., Hilali St.  
Al Salam Pharmacy  
nr. Universal, Mubarak Al Kabir St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Khayyam Pharmacy  
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Hmoud Khalifa Al Humaidi Bldg., Hamad Al Mubarak St.  
Jleeb Al Shiyoohk  
Faijaka Pharmacy  
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Jahra  
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New Commercial Market  
Fahad and Ahmad  
Al Itihad Pharmacy  
Makkah St., F'heel

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Aliens  
Starring: James Cameroon  
**Al Salamiya**  
Funoon Centre performance  
**Al Hama**  
Ganga, Jamuna, Sarasawathi (Hindi)  
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi Seshadhi, Jaya Prada  
**Drive-In**  
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer  
**Al Firdous**  
Adholokam (Malayalam)  
Starring: Nedumudi Venu, Parvitha  
**Fahad Open-Air**  
Saahab (Hindi)  
Starring: Dilip Kumar

### FRIDAY

**Al Jahra**  
Red Heat  
Granada  
Aashiq Hoon Baharon Ka (Hindi)  
Solahkhat  
Three Men and a Baby  
Al Jleeb  
Kunwara Baap (Hindi)

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09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK  
30 Assignment  
0300 World News

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

Summary  
30 Financial News  
40 Words of Faith  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newswest  
30 Just the job (ex 26th Day)  
30 Made Our World  
40 The Farming World  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary  
30 Mediawatch  
45 Network UK  
0800 World News  
09 Words of Faith

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15 New Ideas  
25 Book Choice  
30 Citizens  
1200 Newswest  
15 Multitrack 2  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News Summary  
09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary  
30 Network UK

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Thought for today

VANITY plays lurid tricks with our memory — Joseph Conrad, Polish-born novelist (1857-1924).

## Allies desert Chile's Communist Party

By Eduardo Gallardo

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP): Resisting reforms that have touched many socialist movements and persisting in its support of armed struggle, Chile's Communist Party finds itself increasingly isolated from former allies and other opposition forces.

Many parties once closely aligned with the communists, including important sectors of the Socialist Party, have taken pains to distance themselves from the pro-Moscow group as Chile prepares for an end to 15 years of right-wing military rule.

"Popular mobilization is still essential to put an end to the dictatorship," insisted Communist Party spokesman Jose Sanfuentes in an interview with the Associated Press. "Popular mobilization" includes labour strikes and street demonstrations.

But Erich Schnake, a former Socialist senator who once participated in a coalition with the communists, said that "while communism is changing around the world, the Chilean party goes back to 1917 and declares itself pro-Bolshevik."

"That leaves them entrapped in a political-military apparatus."

### Rebellion

Schnake referred to a recent Communist Party document that declared "our policy of open rebellion remains in effect."

It was a reiteration of a party statement in 1983 that formally proclaimed a strategy of popular rebellion and "the use of legitimate violence and all forms of struggle" against military President Augusto Pinochet.

Times have changed substantially since the days of a strong coalition of socialists, communists and other leftist groups led by Salvador Allende. Allende was elected president in 1970, but ousted by Pinochet in a bloody coup three years later.

Many of the socialists from that coalition, including Schnake, spent more than a decade in exile in Western Europe after

that coup. Their political views were moderate by reformers in that region, where socialist groups shed their Leninist tendencies.

But most Chilean communists sought refuge in the Soviet Union or East Germany. Upon their return, they have employed a revolutionary rhetoric that many ex-comrades find antiquated and offensive, and which contrasts sharply with the increasingly open style of even Soviet authorities. The party's secretary-general, Luis Corvalan, remains in Moscow.

The Communist Party came out in favour of a "no" vote in the October referendum only a few weeks before the referendum, when it was evident that Pinochet was likely to lose. Until then, it had characterized the vote a farce, and insisted that only mass struggle would topple the military government.

They were not invited to join the broad-based opposition coalition that led the campaign for a "No" vote. And they remain ostracized as the coalition prepares for open elections a year from now.

### Contradictory

Socialist Ricardo Lagos, a leader of the coalition, characterized the communists' position as "contradictory."

"They need to clearly define themselves, to the whole country," he said in an interview with the AP. "The country can't understand a party that says it wants to become legal, and thinks that's compatible with a bunch of kids attacking a police station."

He referred to a recent attack on a rural police outpost in which one officer was killed. A guerrilla band that claimed responsibility for the attack is widely believed to be related to the Communist Party. The government calls the group "the armed hand of the Communist Party."

Sanfuentes denied that his party encourages terrorism, and claimed recent terrorist actions were the work of government security services to put the blame on the communists.

## Yugoslavia considers multi-party system

By Vjekoslav Radovic

BELGRADE, (Reuters): Communist Yugoslavia is searching its soul over a possible switch to a multi-party system.

An economic crisis in Yugoslavia itself and liberal trends in the Soviet bloc have fuelled a debate on the subject which has spread into the ranks of the ruling Communist Party.

Even now, Yugoslavia sometimes seems to have more than one party as the communist parties of each republic and province seldom seem to agree, and often quarrel publicly with each other.

"The only problem is they are all communist parties and there is no real opposition across ideological lines," said a Yugoslav analyst.

Under the one-party system, there are no direct elections for top political posts. Parliamentarians are elected indirectly in a complex "delegates system" involving all aged over 18.

The prime minister is chosen by the supreme state body, the eight-member state presidency, and endorsed by Parliament.

The presidency is elected not by the people but by communist front organisations. Some steps are being taken to involve the people more directly in choosing the presidency.

When Prime Minister Branko Mikulic and his government resigned on Friday in an economic policy showdown with Parliament he became the first Yugoslav premier to fall since communists took power in 1945.

His fall demonstrated that Parliament already enjoys at least some opportunities akin to Western democracies, and prompted analysts to say that Yugoslavia will now have to ponder deeply a pluralist system and creation of an elected government.

Party secretary Stefan Korosec said earlier last month the idea of a classic multi-party system remained "futuristic."

But intellectuals in his liberal home Republic of Slovenia have set the ball rolling for seven alternative parties to be created. Two will soon hold their founding

The Belgrade newspaper Politika Ekspres commented that political parties were growing in Slovenia "like mushrooms."

Slovenian Communist Party leader Milan Kucan, considered a liberal and a reformer, said the groups had many good things in their programmes but "plenty of negation of everything socialist in Yugoslavia, which is unacceptable."

Yugoslav Communist Party President Stipe Sutar, who is from Croatia, said the Yugoslav constitution did not allow for a multi-party system.

Ivica Racan, a member of the Yugoslav Party's ruling politburo and one of Sutar's main rivals in Croatia, revealed in a recent article that within the Communist Party there was a rift between conservatives and liberals who favoured a pluralist system.

Political analysts said Yugoslavia, one of the pioneers of democratisation in the communist world when it broke from the Soviet bloc in 1948, was now falling behind some East European communist states, such as Hungary.

### Progress

Hungarian Communist Party leader Karoly Grosz said last month he thought a one-party system could still ensure progress. "But if public opinion or the population of the country sees the guarantee not in one party but in more parties, we have nothing against that," he said.

In Yugoslavia, the main argument against the multi-party system since 1945, has been that the parties would be based on national interests, which could result in a bloodbath in a multi-ethnic country.

Such fears have been sharpened this year by growing ethnic strife between Serbs and ethnic Albanians. Nationalism has also been on the rise in other parts of the multi-racial federation.

As the country grapples with a 228 per cent inflation, a \$21 billion debt, falling living standards and labour unrest, quarrels between the eight

## Bonn and Paris bound by a new defence agreement Impetus for European unity

By Kevin Costelloe

BONN, West Germany. (AP): West Germany and France, bound by a new defence agreement and headed toward creation of joint embassies, are providing some of the greatest impetus for European unity.

As the European Economic Community races toward the 1992 removal of internal barriers, West Germany and France have been pushing innovation in various key areas, including the economic sphere.

The moves come as Western Europe jockeys to compete more effectively with the United States on world markets, and as US critics demand a greater European contribution to NATO to allow reduction of some 326,000 US troops in Europe.

"It's obvious for all Europeans that the Americans won't be in Europe forever," says Brig. Gen. Dominique Pennacchioni, the defence attaché at the French embassy in Bonn.

"We know that we have to prepare in advance for the future," Pennacchioni told the Associated Press in an interview at the embassy. "We (the French and West Germans) are showing the way that should be taken."

### Indispensable

He stresses, however, that West Europeans view US troops as indispensable, a view that is unlikely to change in the near future.

France and West Germany, which have worked for decades to put the bitter experience of two world wars behind them, recently have agreed to:

- Form a joint defence and security council. The council will meet at least twice a year starting in early 1989 to co-ordinate virtually all aspects of defence, including disarmament, and will include the heads of government as well as the foreign and defence ministers. The council will have a permanent secretariat in Paris, according to the West German Defence Ministry.
- Create a joint economics

council of the two nation's finance and economics ministers, as well as the Central Bank presidents. The council, approved on Dec 1, will meet four times a year starting in 1989 to reach agreement on various economic issues, including inflation, currency rates as well as some foreign trade questions.

● Establish a 4,200-man joint French-German military brigade that will be fully in operation in the city of Boeblingen outside Stuttgart by October 1990. It will include infantry, tanks and artillery. As a preliminary move, a joint French-West German staff of 52 soldiers already has been established in Boeblingen, with troops scheduled to start gathering next year.

● Plan to open a joint embassy in Mongolia by 1990, with another one in another unspecified country at a later date. The embassies could be models for joint embassies possibly with other countries.

The joint French-West German military work probably is the most ambitious project — and also has raised the most eyebrows within NATO allies.

### Policy

"The work of unifying Europe would remain incomplete, if it didn't also include defence and security policy. The Federal Republic (West Germany) and France are taking the lead in this direction," West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said during the Dec 1 debate on the Joint Defence and Security Council.

Pennacchioni, the French defence attaché in Bonn, said during the Dec 6 interview: "All of the steps for the building up of Europe over the last 35 or 50 years go back to the efforts of France and Germany. All of the other nations have followed."

He acknowledges some countries have grumbled about the joint French-West German brigade, but Bonn officials emphasize it will not alter their role in NATO. France left the alliance's integrated military structure in 1966.

Pennacchioni adds: "No one is disputing or putting into question the (NATO) alliance."

There are no current plans to expand the French-West German brigade to include other countries.

Lieut. Col Joerg Schweinsteiger of the West German Defence Ministry said the United States, Britain and Italy were wary of the brigade.

"The Italians reacted very critically. Perhaps that was a feeling that they were being excluded," he said. "Then we explained everything, and the criticism went down."

Schweinsteiger emphasized: "You cannot view this as the first step toward an initiative that would do without an American military engagement in Europe. The French and the Germans view the American presence as indispensable."

Opposition also came from inside West Germany for other reasons. Greens parliament member Thomas Ebermann charged the brigade "signals a step toward a German-French nuclear axis aimed at Eastern Europe."

In addition to the French-German plans, Bonn suggested formation of a multinational European military division of about 15,000 troops within NATO.

### Defence

"It is a German initiative for another European effort to improve defence," Gen. Wolfgang Altenburg, the West German chairman of NATO's military committee said during a high-level NATO meeting earlier this month in Brussels.

It would include forces from West Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium and possibly Luxembourg.

Josef Janning, an East-West expert at the Institute for Political Studies at the University of Mainz, said both proposals — the joint brigade and possible European division — are getting mixed reaction.

"The West Germans have thrown two stones into the water, and they want to see which one

makes the bigger ripples," Janning said.

On the economic front, Janning said France and West Germany have wide-ranging motives for co-operation.

"The French see the West Germans have the best contacts with the East bloc. So the French see it's best to work with the Germans in that area," Janning said in a recent interview.

### Co-operation

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in a speech on Dec 1 called for even closer co-operation between West German and France in formulating a "joint European policy" toward the Soviet Union and its East European allies.

He was speaking at a ceremony in Aachen where he and French President Francois Mitterrand received the Charlemagne prize, a distinction awarded for achievements in fostering European unity.

West Germany and France also are developing major initiatives in diplomacy, including the possibility of joint embassy receptions.

Two diplomats from France are working in the West German Foreign Ministry, and two West German diplomats are serving in the French Foreign Ministry.

The various measures come as a new poll shows a leap in respect between French and West Germans, compared with five years ago.

A French-German poll conducted by the independent polling firm Sofres and released on Nov 11 showed that 54 per cent of the French surveyed considered West Germany their best friend, while 67 per cent of the West German interviewed felt the same about France.

The poll questioned 1,000 Frenchmen and 910 Germans. The United States came in second in both countries.

In a similar poll conducted in 1983, only 48 per cent of the French surveyed rated West Germany at the top of their allies list, while 53 per cent of the West German placed France at the top of their list.

## Use of chemical weapons

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON, (Reuters): A new military threat is facing the world — many governments believe, but it comes from one of the oldest technologies still around — poison gas.

The main cases, nowadays known as chemical weapons, were basically developed some 50-75 years ago.

The reason foreign ministers from scores of countries are starting a five-day conference in Paris on Saturday to try to enforce a ban on their use is largely because of the havoc they caused in the Iran-Iraq war, which ended last August.

### Expertise

This is why such substances as mustard gas and nerve gas have been dubbed "the poor man's nuclear bomb," whose widespread acquisition could have a dangerous effect on unstable areas like the Middle East.

Unlike nuclear arms, chemical weapons require only moderate technical expertise to make — about the same as the manufacture of high explosive, experts say — and the raw materials are much easier to get hold of.

Indeed, the insidious thing about them is that they can often be made from perfectly ordinary substances, such as weed-killers or insecticides, which are commercially available.

Take mustard gas, a basic ingredient is thiodiglycol, a

## Irregularities in Indian schools

SIR: I refer to the letter "Nationalise schools," (AT, Dec 22-23). It is high time that concerned authorities look into the activities of Indian schools and their board of trustees/directors.

The schools increase fees whenever they like. Parents are forced to pay the higher fees but they are not told anything about the running of the schools.

Here are some facts about these schools.

Indian School, Salmiya, was started in 1959 by the Indian community by raising funds and now it has become a huge profit-making institution. It is managed by few Hindus who are glued to their directorship and refuse to leave, except the chairman who vanished overnight, taking KD50,000 as loan from the school (his share of profit).

To compensate this loss, the fees were increased twice in a year. The reason ostensibly was to increase the salaries of teachers and non-teaching staff.

They were given a raise of between KD1 and KD10, whereas the annual income due to increase in fees is about a quarter million dinars. The present vice-president granted a loan of KD10,000 to the Indian Arts Circle at the recommendation of a well-known non-resident Indian. We wish to know if this institution is a school or a bank.

One Indian school at Jabriya promotes Hinduism by celebrating various Hindu festivals. One board member brings swamis from India and conducts Hindu religious discourses using the school's resources.

Another Indian school based in Abbassia is run by Christians and they have converted it into a profit-making bakala (shop). They sell visas, bring housewives from India and the present principal runs the school in a Goan style. He does not care about Islam or its heritage but moves his students into a disco world.

Although the Carmel School is run by Christians, they respect Islam. My children who



are studying there are very pleased and happy.

I request the concerned authorities to look into the irregularities of these Indian schools.

A Muslim parent,  
(Name and address supplied).

## Family visa trauma

SIR: I refer to Zahed Matar's comment in Day by Day (AT, Dec 27) on family visas.

Zahed Matar's calculation needs a little modification. A person who started with a salary of KD115 in 1980 will get less than KD400 by the year 2000. My salary is now KD224. Maybe after ten years my salary will be KD380. Any government employee who started with a salary below KD300 in 1980 will be able to bring his family to Kuwait this century.

In 1980, the minimum salary required for government employees to get a family visa was KD350. Within eight years the minimum salary required was raised to KD450, while our salaries did not increase by KD100.

As Islam is against husband and wife being separated for more than six months, I request the concerned authorities to allow government employees to bring in their families.

A ministry employee,  
(Name and address supplied).

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## Jordan keeps up love-hate ties with PLO

By Alistair Lyon

AMMAN, (Reuters): Politically, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation are now the best of friends.

Both sides say so. Yet they remain locked in a curious love-hate relationship that has oscillated wildly over the past 40 years and still confuses insiders and outsiders alike.

"I know (PLO leader Yasser) Arafat to be a man who is determined to stand by his word... that's good enough for me," declared King Hussein in Cairo this week.

That was a far cry from February 1986 when he cut off talks on political co-ordination with PLO leaders, saying they could not resume "until such time as their word becomes their bond."

Since that abortive attempt to forge a joint Jordan-PLO approach to Middle East peace talks, three crucial events have changed political realities for the two sides.

The year-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule in the

trol there. King Hussein's July 31 break with the West Bank effectively ended Hashemite claims to sovereignty and cleared legal blocks to the PLO's Nov 15 proclamation of an independent state.

And the PLO's agreement last week to US demands that it recognise Israel, accept UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and renounce terrorism, dovetailed with what King Hussein had urged on Arafat during their earlier dialogue.

### Break

"Just as they (Palestinians) sought unity with Jordan in the early 1950s, they sought to speak for themselves in the recent past. That's why we disengaged and yet our relations are now better than ever, without suspicions and doubts of the past," King Hussein said on US television recently.

Some PLO leaders also say the air has cleared and they have reiterated their desire to create a confederation with Jordan once an independent Palestinian state becomes a reality.

When the King and Arafat was very constructive and there was a very encouraging atmosphere. There is no contradiction on policies as regards the main problem (of Middle East peace).

### Strains

But under the high-level harmony lie strains and pressures arising from historical grievances, political conflicts and lingering confusion over Jordan's national identity.

"Judging by media coverage, government policy has shifted 180 degrees towards the PLO," said one Arab diplomat. "But Jordan seems to have two different policies."

Tension has surfaced several times in recent weeks.

● Jordan's decision to halt agricultural imports from the West Bank, except in case of domestic shortfalls, sparked resentment among West Bank farmers, especially olive growers.

● After the disengagement, West Bankers were stripped of Jordanian citizenship and will get only travel documents valid

ters and we have to deal patiently with them."

Neither side has forgotten the brief but bitter civil war of 1970-71 when King Hussein's Bedouin-led Army crushed unruly Palestinian commands and drove them from the kingdom.

### War

Yet Jordan believes it has treated Palestinian refugees after the 1948 and 1967 wars better than any other host country.

They were given passports, citizenship and the chance to own land, property and business. Many prospered and Palestinians hold many senior positions in the government and civil service.

King Hussein said this year Palestinians comprised less than 40 per cent of the population of three million, challenging a widely quoted figure of 65 per cent. The UN Relief and Works Agency unofficially puts the ratio at 53 per cent.

A substantial majority accepts that the destinies of the two peoples are intertwined. "How to

## New threat from old technology

chemical used to make ballpoint pens flow freely or transfer bright colours into fabrics. But add hydrochloric acid, and the deadly gas is produced.

Specialists say that any country with a modest petrochemical industry can produce chemical weapons. The toxic substances can be packed into artillery shells, bombs or rockets.

Since evidence emerged about four years ago of the use of poison gas in the Gulf war, some industrial countries have imposed controls on exports of possible ingredients — known in the trade as "precursors."

### Warning

Two years ago, a group of 18 Western nations drew up a warning list of 35 such chemicals and asked their domestic industries to alert them to any suspicious shipments.

But experts say the controls are still far from watertight. "If you're really set on getting nerve gas, you'll probably find a manufacturer that can supply the precursors," says Julian Perry Robinson of Britain's Sussex University.

Chemicals first appeared as a significant weapon in a modern

war in April, 1915, when the Germans released 168 tonnes of chlorine gas against Allied positions at Ypres in Belgium.

The British soon retaliated in kind, mustard gas appeared in 1917, and by the end of World War I in 1918 some 100,000 men had been killed and over one million injured by gases.

### Banned

Revulsion against the carnage led to the Geneva protocol of 1925, which banned the use of chemical weapons in war, though not their production or possession. The Paris conference will seek to reassert this accord, which now has over 110 parties.

Since 1925, the best-documented evidence of the use of poison gas has been by the Italians in Abyssinia (Ethiopia) in 1935, by the Japanese against China in 1937-42, and by Egyptian forces against royalist guerrillas in North Yemen in the 1960s.

The Germans had nerve gas during World War II but Hitler never used it, fearing retaliation.

In recent years, allegations of chemical weapons use in various conflicts have been legion, but hard evidence very difficult to come by.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1477 — Swiss defeat and kill Charles the Bold of Burgundy at Battle of Nancy.

1762 — Tsarina Elizabeth of Russia dies, is succeeded by Peter II.

1809 — Britain and Turkey conclude Treaty of Dardanelles.

1895 — Discovery of X-ray is announced by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen.

1899 — General Aguinaldo demands Philippine independence from United States.

1919 — Communist Spartacist revolt begins in Berlin. Nationalist Socialist Party formed in Germany.

1929 — King Alexander I suppresses Yugoslav constitution and established dictatorship.

1961 — Military government in Peru arrests hundreds of people accused of being communists.

1964 — Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Benedictos of Jerusalem meet in holy land on Mount of Olives — first meeting in five centuries between a Roman Catholic Pope and Eastern Orthodox Church patriarch.

1969 — Soviet Union launches unmanned spacecraft toward Venus and predicts it will arrive in area of the planet in four months.

1974 — British ring London's Heathrow airport with troops and tanks as anti-terrorist alert goes into effect.

1977 — Syria says it will relax restrictions imposed on 4,500 Syrian Jews.

1986 — Arab nations throw support behind Libya in event of attack by United States or Israel in retaliation for terrorist attacks on two airports.

1987 — Cheering students in China burn hundreds of copies of newspaper Peking Daily to protest government publication's harsh criticism of student demonstrations.

OF ALL the Christmas phrases my wife has uttered over the years, the one that she is in love with is, "Why don't you read the instructions?" It doesn't matter if it concerns a piece of wooden furniture from K. mart, or an expensive popcorn maker from South Korea, she just thinks I will have an easier time of it if I refer to the instruction booklet (written half in Korean) before I proceed. This makes no sense. Instructions are for idiots who don't have the magic touch. They are written by nerds to explain to dummies how to operate a piece of machinery which will probably never work anyway.

The other day I brought home a toy Steinway piano. At least the picture on the box said it was a piano. But inside the carton it turned out to be a thousand pieces of wood, some wire and three screws.

Just as I finished unpacking it, my wife went into her usual routine, "Why don't you read the instructions?"

"Because," I said, "it would only be a sign of weakness. This is not a complex nuclear reactor. It

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# A goes into B

is a very simple design that a child could put together.

"But you're not a child," she protested. "That piano has more parts than all the toys in Taiwan."

"Forgive me for sounding so piggyish, but women do not understand the excitement that men experience when putting something together without the instructions. Remember the swing set I erected for the kids several years ago? Do you think the children would have gotten any pleasure out of it if I had followed the instructions?"

"You didn't construct that swing. After it crashed, you hired a contractor to put it together."

"I don't remember details that far back. There is a knack to assembling anything. You have to lay all the pieces out neatly in front of you, and then screw the little pieces on to the big pieces."

"Is that what the instructions say?"

"No, but that's what logic dictates. When the project is completed, the trick is not to have any screws left over. Instructions don't tell you that. That's where one's engineering education comes in."

"I have no idea where you're headed with this."

"Like most married women your trouble is that you would rather trust a piece of paper written by a Tibetan student than your own husband."

"All I'm going by is years of experience. The art is filled with unfinished children's masterpieces that you tried to assemble without success."

"Every one of them was either short of a piece of plastic or included the wrong fasteners and bolts."

"Why do you keep doing it?"



"Haven't you ever heard of the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat? Look at all the money we're saving. If I bought this piano assembled, it would cost \$99. I only paid \$59, because when it comes to toys I'm my own man. When I finish fitting the black keys between the white keys, even you will not be able to tell the difference."

"Why is it tilting over to one side?"

"Because they included the wrong supports for the legs. One is shorter than the other. But not to worry—I can deal with it."

"How?" she asked.

"Read my hands."

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

## Dr Spock never promised us a 'Rose Garden'

WHEN a man has children, the first thing he has to learn is that he is not the boss of the house. I am certainly not the boss of my house.

However, I have seen the boss' job and don't want it, for sometimes the boss ends up sitting alone in a room and talking to himself as if the enemy were there. "What do you mean you don't want to do it? When I tell you to do something, you do it and you don't stand there practising for law school!"

Before we were married, my wife was a stunningly beautiful woman. Today she is a stunningly beautiful woman whose mouth droops and who has conversations with herself.

She also sounds like my mother. "I'll go and look you up in the middle of next week!" The middle of next week, by the way, is where their father wouldn't mind going. I would have four days by myself.

Learn

You new fathers will learn that almost all mothers are like my wife and have conversations with themselves. These maternal monologues, however, have developed a lovely retaliation. They put a curse on their children who act just like you. (And, of course, the curse always works, proving that God has a sense of humour.)

There is no wisdom I can give you new fathers more profound than what I said at the start of this chapter: you are not the boss of this house that you want the children out of within thirty years and you are not allowed to give them permission for anything.

When one of them comes to you and says, "Dad, can I go explore the Upper Nile?" your answer must be, "Go ask your mother."

Only once did I make the great permission mistake. One of the children came to me and said, "Dad, can I go out and play?"

"Sure," I replied. "I don't see why not."

That was the last time I couldn't see why not. My wife came in and said, "Did you let that child go out?"

"Yeah," I said.

## More thoughts on fatherhood

Last week we published some tips on the art of being a parent, extracted from comedian Bill Cosby's book 'Fatherhood.' Here are some more choice tips from the master practitioner himself.

"Well, the next time you check with me. He's being punished."

From that day on, I knew my place, and whenever a child starts to say, "Dad, can I..." even though it's my name, I always reply, "What did your mother say?"

And even if the child says that she got permission, I still say, "Very fine, just bring me a note from your mother. It doesn't have to be notarized. A simple signature and will do."

Ironically, even though the father is not the boss of the house, the mother will try to use him as a threat: "When your father comes home, he's going to shoot you in the face with a bazooka. And this time I'm not going to stop him."

Down mammary lane

ATELEVEN, the imbalance in a child, especially a girl, moves from the physical to the mental. At eleven, a girl stands at the window a lot and stares out into space. She is waiting for her breasts to come. The strange look on her face moves you to ask, "Are you all right?"

"Well, sort of, I guess," she says. "They didn't come today."

When the child is twelve, your wife buys her a splendidly silly article of clothing called a training bra. To train what? I never had a training jack. And believe me, when I played football, I could have used a training jack more than any twelve-year-old needs a training bra. I used to get training knees in my crotch.

Girls at eleven and even twelve are physiologically like boys. And these boys are not ready for them yet; they are still involved with lower species. They are wandering around with frogs, sleeping with lizards, and cutting the heads off flies. The poor girls, mean-

while, are trying to look as lovely as they can for these little zoo-keepers.

When these boys do allow themselves to be involved with girls, it is often to push them around. While the girls polish their nails, curl their hair, and prayfully put on their training bras, they look at the boys and wonder.

And then one day, in the kind of miracle of nature that Disney liked to capture, it suddenly happens. One morning, I saw it in my son's face while we were driving to school.

"Dad," he said reverently, "there is a lot of women in the world, right?"

At the moment that a boy of thirteen is turning toward girls, a girl of thirteen is turning on her mother. This girl can get rather unreasonable, often saying such comical things as, "Listen, this is my life!"

This remark is probably her response to her mother having said, "You are not going to South Carolina alone to see a boy that you talked to on the telephone for ninety seconds."

"But Mother, I've got to see him. This is my life and you're ruining it! You're from the olden days. Your life is over!"

"And where do you think you're going in that Madonna get-up?" she said to my daughter a few days later.

"But the boys are ready," my daughter replied. "They're through with frogs and lizards. I've waited so long for them to be ready."

"Well, you're going to stay right here. You're not going to any mall to look at nasty boys."

A father who hears this is rooting for the mother, of course, he knows exactly what those boys at the mall have in their depraved little minds because he once owned such a depraved little mind himself.

In fact, the father not only

will support his wife in keeping their daughter home but he might even run over to the mall and have a few of those boys arrested.

### High anxiety

ON a recent cross-country flight, I saw a dramatic example of why being a parent is a harder job than being president of the United States. In fact, the scene I saw could have been a commercial for birth control.

On that flight were a mother and her four-year-old son, whose name was Jeffrey.

Everybody on the plane knew his name was Jeffrey because his mother spent a major part of the trip talking to him, generally from a distance: "Jeffrey, don't do that!" "Jeffrey, will you get down from there!"

"Jeffrey, now look what you've done!"

All of the passengers knew not only Jeffrey's name but also his age because, as he merrily ran about kicking their legs, he kept crying, "I'm four years old!" I happened to have been spared his kicking my particular legs. Instead, he merely smeared chocolate on my shirt.

And so, as our terror flight moved west, sleep was made impossible by the counterpoint of the voices of mother and son: "Jeffrey, get down!" "I'm four years old!" "Jeffrey, now look what you have done to that man!" "I'm four years old!"

Choice

If the passengers had been given a choice between riding with Jeffrey and riding with a hijacker, I know what their choice would have been. The hijacker might have allowed a few of us to sleep, and even if he hadn't he certainly would not have kept saying, "I'm twenty-three years old!"

As the plane moved west, the feelings of passengers toward Jeffrey grew more intense. When we reached the continental divide, one gentleman invited him into the lavatory to play with the blue water.

At last, however, there was mercy and Jeffrey fell asleep—five minutes before we landed. When the plane reached the terminal and the passengers began to leave, a few of them took special pains to wake up Jeffrey and say goodbye.

## Writing jokes is world's worst job

By John M. Leighty

SAN FRANCISCO, (UPI): Humourist Karen Warner says writing jokes for comedians is one of the world's worst jobs.

"They've got to have killer jokes that work all the time on stage and the audience is saying, 'okay, make me laugh,'" said Warner. "It's a tough way to make a living."

Warner, president of the San Francisco-based comedy-humour writers' association, said she's written for Rodney Dangerfield and other standup comics, many of whom left her waiting, and waiting for her paycheck.

So, she took her skills as a comedy writer and background in technical writing six years ago and combined them to write humour for some of the people who need it the most—those in business and politics.

She started out writing a few jokes for San Francisco disc jockey Don Blue and has since churned out funny lines for financial planners, real estate investors and banking executives nationwide.

For a telecommunications executive, she penned the following: "Remember when the strongest person on the block was the one who could rip a phone book in half? Now it's the person who can rip his phone bill in half."

She's written jokes for a fund-raiser for Sen. Barry Goldwater, Republican-Arizona, and for a roast honouring Sen. Alan Cranston, Democrat-California.

Members of the association, she said, include Strange De Jim, a regular in the local comedy clubs, John Cantu, founder of the annual comedy day celebrations in Golden Gate park, and neurologist Dr Michael Bass, who moonlights as a stand-up comic known as Dr Serious.

"It's an eclectic group and is open to anybody who has anything to do with humour or comedy, so it's a lot of fun,"

said Warner, adding that members hold forums on various aspects of the occupation. "Being a writer, you're often out there alone, especially in the field of comedy."

Rate

One project of the group is to rate major presidential candidates by their sense of humour and on that basis they endorsed one of their own, comedian Pat Paulsen.

Warner said her first foray into writing for business people left her staring at the proverbial blank sheet of paper, somewhat terrified at the possibility of bombing. Now, however, she's adept at spicing up speeches.

"The key is finding what's acceptable, particularly in a corporate setting. You're not going to be telling raunchy jokes. You have to keep it in a certain framework and still be funny."

For the real estate investor, she wrote: "Foreclosures hit a record high. Things are getting so bad bankruptcy court is

thinking of getting an unlisted number."

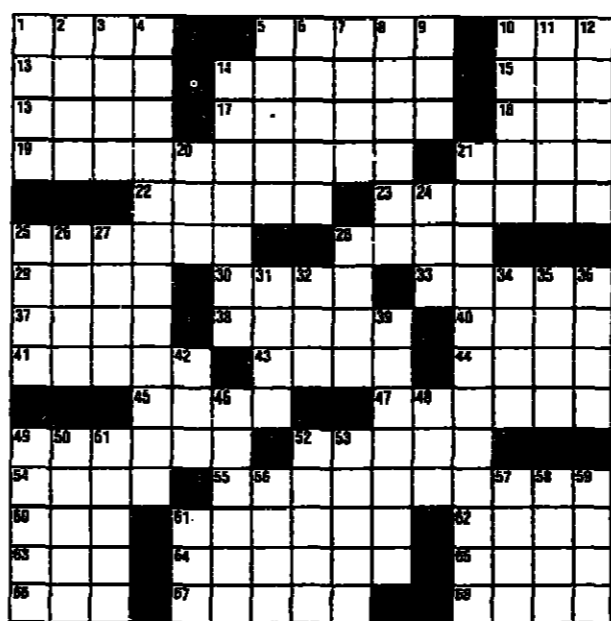
A joke for a financial planner cracked up the audience: "It's important to take care in choosing your financial advisor. You know you've got the wrong broker if you order 100 shares of IBM and he asks you how to spell it."

Well, she adds, sometimes you just have to be there.

Often, said Warner, she can tickle a talk in a quick 10 minutes at the typewriter but some projects take up to three days. She charges by the project, about \$200 to insert 10 lines of humorous material.

"My goal is to write jokes for the President of the United States," said Warner. He said during the last campaign it was difficult to tell the candidates apart. Jessie Jackson who had a real advantage—"He's the one who had the moustache." President Ronald Reagan, said Warner, made it fashionable to use humour in the business world. "It helped get him elected."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- Put away
  - Gogol's "Bulb"
  - May honoree
  - Japanese-style sock
  - Military storage building
  - Supplement, with "out"
  - Egg
  - Mariner
  - Pre-teen
  - Certain
  - astrangest
  - Place: Comb. form
  - Throng
  - Why
  - Money in Malaga
  - Pungency
  - Mont Blanc's range
  - Legion
  - Choreographer de Mille
  - Thick slice
  - San Antonio team
  - Bathe
  - Aquarium inhabitant
  - Word on a telegram
  - Uniform
  - Aware of
  - Profess
  - Ravine
- DOWN
- Hearty dish
  - Cab
  - Newspaper feature, for short
  - Halloween transport
  - Part of a stair
  - Flabbergast
  - City not built in a day
  - Large-leafed house plant
  - Dic. entry
  - Financial windfall
  - Giraffe's cousin
  - Wine region in France
  - Religious retreats for Hindus
  - Kind of foot or head
  - On/off device
  - Topic for biol. class
  - A tense
  - Mademoiselle
  - Row
  - Novice
  - Lhasa
  - Bot's partner
  - Part of a basilica
  - Constantly
  - Dispatched
  - Trained in the ring
  - Some
  - 46 in the direction of
  - Attend a bee
  - Proficient
  - 50 — horse (hippopotamus)
  - Saxophone sound
  - Washington, for one
  - German philosopher Georg
  - Pearl divers
  - Poi
  - ingredient
  - Quahog
  - Goddess of youth
  - Gambi's mother

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### A LITTLE LOGIC GOES A LONG WAY

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH  
♠ J 7 3 2  
♥ A 6 5  
♦ 7 3  
♣ 7 6 4 2

WEST  
♠ Q 9 6  
♥ 10 7 4 2  
♦ K  
♣ Q J 9 8 3

EAST  
♠ K 10 4  
♥ Q J 9  
♦ 9 8 6 5 2  
♣ 10 5

SOUTH  
♠ A 8 5  
♥ K 8 3  
♦ A Q J 10 4  
♣ A K

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
3 ♦ Pass 3 NT Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Card combinations are peculiar animals. How you play them often depends on how many tricks you need in the suit.

The auction was routine. After South's 21-22-point two no trump opening, North used the Stayman Convention to check on the possibility of a 4-4 spade fit. When that did not materialize, three no trump became the obvious contract.

West led the top of his broken club sequence, and declarer won the ace as East made the fine play of the ten. Declarer crossed to the king of hearts to take the diamond finesse. West scooped in the king and persevered with clubs. Declarer cashed

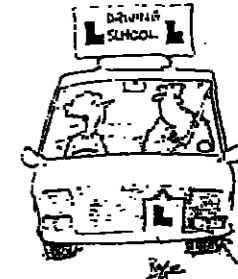
the ace of diamonds. When West failed to follow, declarer could score only three diamond tricks and eight tricks in all.

Declarer's play in the diamond suit was correct if he needed five tricks in the suit. Then his only chance would be to find East with a doubler king of diamonds. But declarer needed just four diamond tricks. If the suit split 4-2 or 3-3, no matter what he did would be right. The one troublesome distribution is 5-1 in that event, declarer could collect four tricks only if the king of diamonds was singleton in one hand or the other.

Correct play, therefore, was to ignore the diamond finesse and simply cash the ace. If the king does not drop, declarer must hope that the suit breaks no worse than 4-2. The odds of finding West with a singleton king are slightly more than 1 percent, but even such a minuscule extra chance sometimes yields huge dividends. That was certainly the case here.



"Just don't go too near his desk, that's all!"



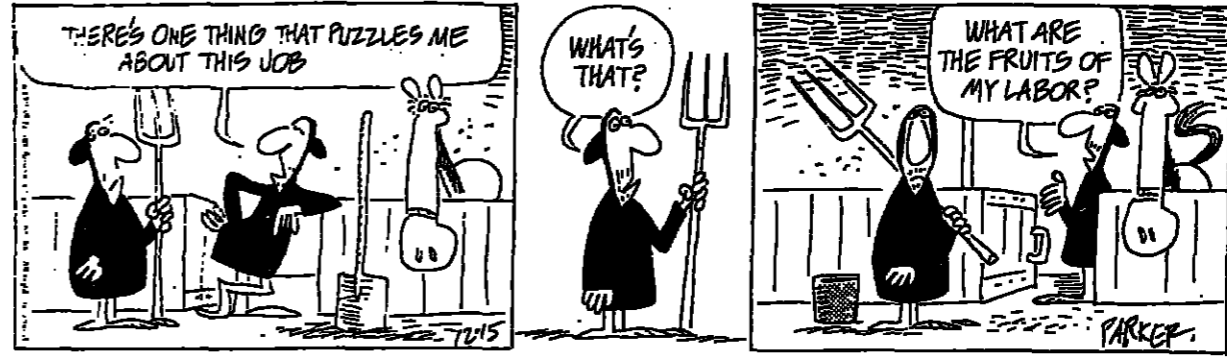
"I suppose these pedals are here in case the engine fails."

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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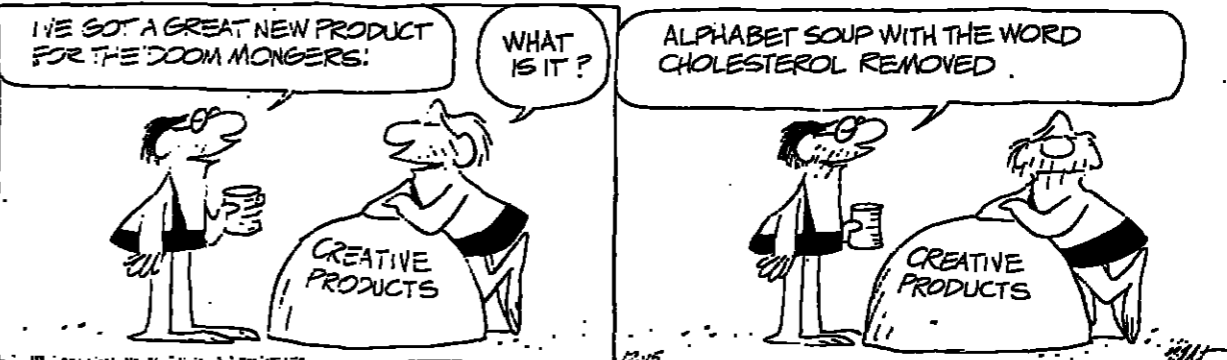
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You will feel you have been dealt with rather unfairly. Never mind there will be compensations in other directions. Make allowances for rush hour traffic. Be hospitable.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You will be able to put things into their proper perspective. Do not leave until tomorrow or later what you know should be done now. Take care of your appearance but avoid vanity. Be patient.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You should make sure you do not place too much reliance upon computers: at the end of the day it is still your intelligence that counts. You will be persuasive only if you are also reasonable. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be congenial.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**  
You will be able to impress others but you should not exaggerate your importance. If you are invited you should not drink too much or stay too long. Consider a little longer before making a choice. Avoid being glib. Be objective.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will have to spend some time dealing with secondary matters, but not too much. The prospects are better than they seem but you will still have to work hard. You should think again before acting. Be magnanimous.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
You will have something to be pleased about. There will be much to distract you — do not allow it to do so. Take good care of your health and personal hygiene. Be moderate.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. You will get a better response to one of your proposals than you ever thought. There is good reason to be optimistic. Be firm.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will be able to do something to increase your prestige. Others will be more favourably inclined towards you. An offer or proposal should be considered without delay. Be flexible.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
Make sure you know what you are doing if you are thinking of repairing an electrical device. You will be able to get on well with your friends. Do not allow others to take advantage of you. Be fair.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
You will tend to be a little on the nervous side and rather irritable. You should seek not to get things out of proportion. Try to avoid gloomy thoughts. Be sincere.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
You are rather more liable to catch colds and infections and should take extra care. The better influence of Venus coupled with that of Mercury and Mars will help you to make the right decision. You should keep your wits very much about you. Be positive.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
Do not leave until later something you know should be done now. You should try not to let some little thing upset you too much. You will be able to learn a great deal from your mistakes. Be polite.

## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the  
Arab Times

A bumper feast promised from filmland

## Plenty of surprises in store for 1989

AS we enter the last year of the present decade we hope that 1989 will wipe out the painful memories of the first 9 years, and that Indian cinema enters a new era in the 90s, as it heads into the 21st century.

Once again, as at the start of every new year, the motion picture and entertainment industries have lined up an interesting package for the public, with quite a few surprises in store. Along with the cinema, the TV, video and audio cassette worlds are also not lagging behind in preparing a bumper feast, spread out over the months to come.

The films due for immediate release and therefore the most talked about come from different sources, with various directors and stars trying to reach the top of the success ladder. But, as usual, they know that there are many 'pits' and 'snakes' in the game, which can bring them tumbling down to square one. Yateem is a home-production, of the Deol family with Dharmendra as the father figure and Sunny trying out the image of a youngster, more suited against than sinning. Farha plays his heroine and Sujata Mehta his step mother, with villains Danny and Amrish Puri filling his cup of misery. It has a rather difficult story for the masses to accept, and director J.P. Dutta, is also on trial.

Another promising but somewhat off-beat film is K. Vishwanath's Eeshwar (loosely meaning God), with Anil Kapoor bidding for top honours. He plays a retarded tramp character (a la Raj Kapoor) from youth to old age, who supports a suffering widow played by the new heroine Vijaya Shanti from the South.

It is more of an emotional drama, without the usual crude violent villains and supported by good music. Vishwanath has



Young talents hoping to score in '89 are Salman (left) and Bhagyashree in 'Maine Pyar Kiya'.

had some pretty big Telugu-Hindi hits in the past, turning Jaya Prada into a Hindi screen idol. But in the light of present trends, there is a danger of Eeshwar being labelled as a class film, meant for small box-office returns. Vijaya Shanti's future also depends on this.

Dismal Looking into last year's dismal and gigantic flops, what the industry badly needs today are a few super duper hits, which will stabilise its economy. There are some hopes on Rekha starrers, after a limited success of two of her films Khooon Bhari Maang and Biwi Ho To Aisi last year. Both however showed a potential of only 8 to 10 weeks before being shifted to morning shows. Her dacoit drama Kasam Subag Ki directed by Mohan Sehgal will

prove her worth. Also awaited are her other films like Madam X. Lada, Sheshaang etc.

As a last desperate measure, the industry may make Amitabh and Rekha to act opposite each other. But the big-budget spectacular on the near release chart are Joshilay, Daata and Ram Lakhani. Though Sridevi, Anil, Sunny, and Meenakshi adorn Joshilay, along with breathtaking Lakshmi outdoors, the film's stormy production history make it a doubtful case as a dramatic winner.

Sultan Ahmed's Daata filmed in the grand movie-mughal style has Mithun as a draw but retired Padmini Kolhapure as a hurdle. Subhash Ghai's Ram Lakhani has been cooked up rather too fast for comfort. Its tale of two con-

strasting brothers is familiar but its songs and stars like Jackie, Anil, Dimple, Madhuri, Raakhee, Sonika Gill plus three hard villains may help.

Raj Kumar Kohli's Bees Saal Baad and later Gulzar's Lekin may revive the faith in mystery films to bewitch the public. Family tales like Gharana with Rishi, Meenakshi, Govinda, Neelam and Sri Pradha and Billu Badshah with family head Shatrughan Sinha fighting his kith and kin (Govinda, Neelam, Sumeet Saigal, Archana Joglekar) are expected to have a steady clientele.

Jeetendra and Bhanupriya will try their pairing again in Daav Pech perhaps for the last time. Paraya Ghar will try the star power of Jaya Prada, Rishi, Babbar and the unlucky

Madhuri in a tear-jerking drama.

Multi-star films, long in the making, will also surface, like Ilaka (on the lines of TV serial 'Nukkad'). It has Raakhee, Mithun, Sunjay Dutt, Amrita, Madhuri, Om Puri, even Dharm in a special role, against a backdrop of street-corner folks.

Raj Sippy's Mahadev must revive the charm of Vinod Khanna who stars with Meenakshi and Sonu Walia, otherwise the 'born again' star will be a goner (remember Dayavan). Kanwal Sharma's Ustaad also has Vinod with Jaya Prada, Chunky, Kimi etc. Vinod Dewan's Shandaar has Mithun, Meenakshi, Mandakini, Juhi Chawla and sundry villains. Kanon Ki Awaaz and Main Tera Dushman are action dramas, with Jaya Prada against Sridevi, Jackie and Sunny in the second film and Shatrughan Sinha with Shekhar Suman in the first.

Later in the year, we will have many films worth waiting for. The result of Amitabh's Ganga, Jamuna, Saraswati to be fol-



One more chance for Jackie Shroff in Tridev, seen here with Madhuri Dixit.

owed soon by Toofan will decide whether Satyam will get a release priority. Other Amitabh films which stand a bigger chance are Agneepath, Akayla and Ajooba. This Indo-Soviet co-production of Shashi Kapoor is another big fantasy film to be expected this year. The success of Tezaab has given a real big spurt to action films with terrible violence.

We will reap the harvest with Gura, Jurat, Hadhiyar, Hum Se

Na Takrana, Anjaam Khuda Jaane, Action, Shera Shamsheera, Tridev, Garajna, Akhri Ghulam, Dushman (Hindi-Bengali), Shekzade, Batwara, Farishte and so on. All these are star-studded films, with Sridevi, Mithun, Vinod Khanna, Rajnikant, Sunjay Dutt, Kumar Gaurav, Amrita Singh, Sangeeta, Sonam etc. in different garbs. Their star power will also be tested on this basis. The female revenge drama will have its day with Kasli Ganga with Dimple as the avenging angel.

Romantic tales will reach their young audience through Love Love Love, Tum Mere Ho, Maine Pyar Kiya, Chandni, Pyar Ke Nam Qurban, Prem etc. Homely dramas for the year include Sapnon Ka Mandir, Savan Ka Mahina, Bade Char Ki Beti... (and) Babu, Souta Ki Beti. The last-named with Rekha, Jaya Prada and Jeetendra may prove interesting. A film centring on a child will be Balak with new moppet Master Suraj. Comedy is in the shape of Dada Khondke's Khol De Meri Zaban and musical drama in the late Kishore

Kumar's own film Mamta Ki Chhaon Mein. There will be stuff for the horror fans too, like Om, Bandh Darwaza, Puraani Haveli, Gunstam Saaya with draculas, monsters etc.

Some old actor-directors will probably come up with their last films. From Manoj Kumar's camp, the ancient Santosh will be followed by Clerk and Deshwast. Dev Anand may finally bring out his Sachche Ka Bolebala and perhaps also complete Aarwal Number mainly on the commercial pull of Aamir Khan. Villain Ranjeet will make his ambitious debut with Karama. Rajesh Khanna is presenting his Jai Shiv Shankar.

There are some art films to come, if picked up by distributors, like Rihayee, Raakh, Shesh, Salaam Bombay and even Parada made on a big scale with big stars.

Mahesh Bhatt is cooking his pseudo stuff in Kasoor, Jurm, Daddy etc. The only Muslim socials are Naqab, Jean-e-Meh-boob and Razza and for all we know, 1989 may spring some totally unexpected surprises, like Henna.



Rekha (left) fights corruption in the form of Rajnikanth in Bhrashtachar.

## Behind the screen

It seems Jeetendra is not quite sure of his own star power. He has partly ghost-financed Amitabh's film Hum produced by ex-actor Ramesh Sharma. The businesslike Jeetu is charging 2 per cent interest per month. But what if the film drowns even the capital amount?

Santosh completed after eleven years is being publicised as having the blessings of a goddess. Whoever sees it is also requested to write in trade papers saying: "mark my words, this film will bring back the audience to the theatres."

While Govinda competes with Mithun in dancing and

figuring, Chunky is no match to both actors, so far as dance is concerned. The tall tough boy looks horrid in a dancer's dress and his gyrations are atrocious. Want proof? See the tribal dance in Agnee.

Does Sunjay Dutt consider his wife Richa and new-baby-to-be so inauspicious that he often sends them off to USA? Dr is it a device for him to remain "free" in Bombay's filmworld? Or further still is it a prelude to himself vanishing off to the States under the ready excuse of medical treatment?

Unlike other stars, Mithun did not want a son but a daughter to play sister to son Mimoh. But wife Yogita has given him



Jeetendra: no confidence in Amitabh



Sunjay Dutt: long jump to 1989 or the USA

another son. Knowing the ways of filmworld, Mithun prefers a "Bhai-bahen" pair, rather than "Bhai ka dushman bhai." Now he is looking for one more child.

Has Dilip Kumar been up-

tagged by the young and upstart heroes bringing pressure on producers not to sign him? The thespian has hardly any releases in 1989. Subhash Ghai's Saadagar with Dilip and Raj Kumar stands little chance of being completed this year.



Ilaka is a big release for 1989 with Mithun, Madhuri, Raakhee and Amrita Singh.

FAMILY DOCTOR  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIMEXERCISE CAN HELP PATIENTS  
WHO HAD HEART ATTACKS

QUESTION: I suffered a myocardial infarction. Will rehabilitation programme help my survival chances?

ANSWER: There have been many studies concerning your question, but conclusive evidence has been very difficult to nail down for several reasons.

In seven of nine scientific studies that involved 3,222 patients, results indicated that there definitely was a decrease in the total death rate for myocardial infarction (heart attack) patients who were involved in a rehabilitation or exercise programme. The figures showed a 20 per cent to 50 per cent decrease.

At the very least, this was comparable to the benefits claimed for several other clinically accepted forms of therapy for myocardial infarction patients. And it certainly was much less costly than some others. For instance, the annual cost of a well-designed cardiac rehabilitation programme is approximately one-seventeenth the cost of surgery.

But a relatively small number of patients participated in those studies, and many par-

ticipants did not stay with the studies for the required lengths of time. Some of the people also were not careful in complying with their exercises and other instructions. Because of additional technical problems, the studies have been regarded by some authorities as less than conclusive.

However, it does appear to be clear that an exercise programme can produce differing levels of improvement in the moods of those participating and in their abilities to return to physical work earlier than patients who did not take part in the programmes.

Therefore, a growing number of physicians believe there is solid ground for prescribing exercise-centred cardiac rehabilitation for their patients who have suffered uncomplicated myocardial infarctions. And so the answer to your question, in my opinion, is a "yes" for I feel you will gain much from a professionally conducted cardiac rehabilitation programme.

QUESTION: They took the diving board off our local pool. Why?

ANSWER: Diving is a leading cause of spinal cord injuries among athletic

activities, causing about 1,300 spinal cord injuries per year. Diving injuries also kill, but these deaths are classified as drownings, so their number is uncertain.

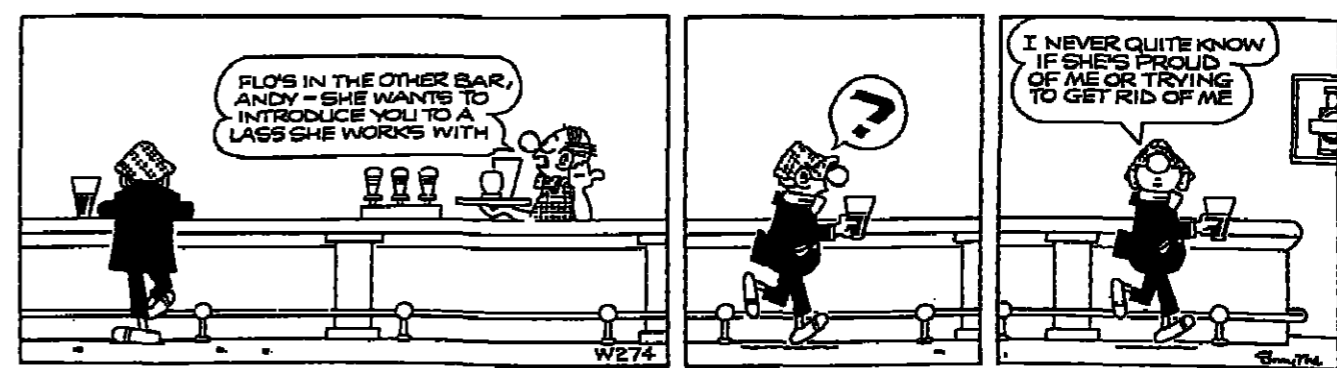
There are several easy ways to reduce the chance of a diving injury. Most injuries occur when people are showing off, in horse-play or involve a dare. Never dive into water you don't know. In lakes or rivers, go into the water feet first to check how deep it is before diving. In a pool, find out where the deep area ends or you may overshoot it and slam into the slope leading to the shallow part. No above-ground pool is deep enough to dive into, so don't even think about it.

The people who run your local pool decided to eliminate the risk of diving injuries by removing the diving board, and they may have had good reason. One possible factor may have been their inability to obtain insurance to cover anyone injured in a diving accident. Whatever the reason, remember to play by the rules. Don't dive in that pool.

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## ANDY CAPP

By Smith



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Subroto to chair energy session at Swiss economic forum

GENEVA, Jan 4. (OPECNA): OPEC Secretary-General Dr Subroto will attend the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, from Jan 26 to Feb 1.

The secretary-general will chair a discussion session designated by the sponsors as "The energy sector: the challenge of price actors to market forces."

Several oil and energy ministers from OPEC and non-OPEC countries, as well as non-governmental representatives from Norway, Australia, Jordan and the United States, are also expected to be present.

The week-long annual event will be attended by the prime ministers of Belgium, Norway and Portugal, as well as ministers, bankers and scientists and a large number of top business executives, according to spokeswoman Corinne Mory.

**Development**  
The participants will deal with current economic, financial and political issues along with projections on future developments. The programme will also feature a discussion session between OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers and oil industry executives on world energy prospects.

Ms Mory said the debt crisis would account for a "considerable" part of the discussions, adding that it was expected that the Venezuelan President-elect, Carlos Andres Perez, would unveil a new debt rescheduling plan for Latin America on the occasion.

The World Economic Forum was established in 1971.

## Saudi Arabia, UAE sign aviation accord

ABU DHABI, Jan 4. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed an aviation accord today under which Emirates Airlines will begin flights to the kingdom, the official WAM news agency reported.

Gulf Air, in which Abu Dhabi, the biggest emirate in the UAE, has a stake along with Bahrain, Oman and Qatar, already flies to Saudi Arabia.

WAM said the accord gave Saudi Arabia and the UAE the right to use more than one carrier.

The head of Saudi Arabia's Civil Aviation Authority, Sheikh Naser Al Assaf, in Dubai for talks on the accord, said a previous plan for the merger of three airlines owned by the Gulf Co-operation Council member states — Saudia, Gulf Air and Kuwait Airways — had been suspended.

## Iraq to spend \$900m on its Gulf ports

BAGHDAD, Jan 4. (OPECNA): Iraq is to spend nearly \$900 million on the development of its ports on the Gulf, according to Minister of Transport and Communications Mohammed Hamza.

Under a programme due to begin tomorrow, 13 new jetties with a total capacity of four million tons will be built at the Umm Qasr port.

One floating ship repair dock and berthing terminals will also be built at and around the Khor Al Zubair port.

The minister said work had already begun in deepening and widening the navigational canals leading to the Gulf to facilitate the anchoring of heavy loading vessels.

Ten more jetties, expected to be completed at Umm Qasr over the next three months will add three million tons to the port's loading and unloading capacity.

## Jordan bank fines money-changer

AMMAN, Jan 4. (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank said today it had fined an exchange house 200,000 dinars (\$419,000) and closed it for six months for currency violations.

A spokesman told Reuters the Central Bank board of directors took action after airport customs caught the Saudi exchange company trying to smuggle 200,000 dinars out of Jordan.

"The decision to confiscate the whole amount and stop the company's operations for six months from January 3 was taken because of the company's recurring attempts to contravene the laws and regulations of the Central Bank," the spokesman said.

He said Saudi exchange company had been fined a total of 9,000 dinars (\$18,860) for three similar violations in 1988 and warned each time that its licence might be revoked.

## US sales up in Japan

# Japanese firms capture half the world market

SAN JOSE, California, Jan 4. (AP): Semiconductor companies concentrating in the fastest-growing areas of the industry are gaining larger shares of the global market, with Japanese companies capturing half the world's sales, according to a survey released today.

While the Japanese share of the market rose to 50 per cent from about 48 per cent in 1987, the American share fell by about the same amount, from 39 per cent in 1987 to 37 per cent last year, according to the annual survey by Dataquest.

"(Japanese companies) have positioned themselves extremely well in the high-growth areas, for example, Dynamic RAMs. They

have a huge share ... and it's the fastest-growing market," said Stan Brudek, vice-president for Dataquest's Components Division Research.

**Advantage**  
American companies are not taking advantage of high-growth areas, including high-performance 16- and 32-bit microprocessors, to the same extent, Brudek said.

Dataquest, which surveyed 112 top semiconductor suppliers, also reported that worldwide growth in the industry slowed in the final three months of 1988. Annual growth was 32.9 per cent, greater than the industry's 22.8 per cent growth in 1987 but less than Dataquest's

forecast of 35.8 per cent.

Most of the slowdown was due to a dropoff in sales as companies adjusted their inventories during the final three months of the year, the San Jose-based Research and Consulting Company said. Some of the excess inventory may have resulted from companies not getting as many dynamic random access memory devices, or DRAMs, as they expected, Brudek said.

**Dominance**  
"(But) it's not expected to be a long-term trend, though we see the industry slowing down this year. We still think 1989 will be higher than 1988 in terms of sales," he added.

Japanese companies' domin-

ance in DRAMs, the high-density low-cost, memories widely used in personal computers, helped boost their share of the North American semiconductor market to a record 20 per cent last year, up from 15 per cent in 1987, Dataquest said.

American companies, however, also gained in the Japanese market, capturing 10 per cent of sales in 1988, a gain of nearly two per cent from 1987. It was the first increase in the US share of the Japanese market since 1984, according to Dataquest.

Japanese semiconductor companies, however, have a built-in advantage in that they are the primary suppliers of the Japan-

ese market, the fastest-growing market in the world, Brudek said. Japanese companies enjoy 89 per cent of their domestic market.

Dataquest also found that European companies' sales dropped from 11 per cent to 10 per cent in 1988 but that companies in other parts of the world enjoyed a three per cent share, up from 1.6 per cent in 1987.

One company, Samsung of South Korea, nearly tripled its sales from \$327 million to 905 million, jumping in rank from No. 23 in 1987 to No. 18 in 1988 and becoming the first non-American or non-Japanese company to join the top 20 companies, Dataquest said.

## Exchange will offer Hungarians more options for investment, says banker

# 1989 brings economic reforms to Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Jan 4. (AP): For Hungary, the New Year brings the Soviet bloc's first stock exchange, new incentives for foreign investors and other economic reforms that the Soviet Union is eyeing with interest.

Hungary began pioneering experiments unique to the East bloc nearly three decades ago. By the 1970s, it boasted a small but dynamic private sector, vested managers of state-run enterprises with power to turn a profit and offered many a standard of living unequalled elsewhere in the Soviet bloc.

Economic experimentation continued into the 1980s, resulting in such unique wrinkles as the Soviet bloc's first bond market. But critics now say such moves came too late and were too little to permit competition with more dynamic Western economies.

**Debt**  
By the 1985 the economy was moribund, characterised by a growing foreign debt, below-plan production, increasing government budget deficits and persistent inflation.

A leadership change last year swept away many of the more cautious old guard. Now politicians and economic experts

are touting the "socialist market economy," envisaging reforms that come closer to Western-style capitalism.

Moscow has encouraged Budapest in its reform drive, apparently anxious to see the results in this comparatively small country of 10.6 million before taking similar steps in the Soviet Union.

Soviet Politburo member Alexander N. Yakovlev, at a Budapest news conference in November, chided Soviet journalists for not covering Hungarian reforms more comprehensively.

One of a number of planned new laws this year will allow the transformation of state-owned enterprises into companies issuing stock. Foreigners may hold up to 100 per cent ownership in a Hungarian company, trade shares on the Hungarian Stock Exchange and take advantage of tax breaks granted to investors.

Entrepreneurs may employ up to 500 people and seek foreign financial backing by selling shares.

The government, attempting to reduce a \$17-billion debt — the Soviet bloc's highest in per capita terms — has vowed to sell

at least 5 billion forints (\$100 million) worth of state property, in addition to reducing subsidies on both production and consumer goods and services.

Restructuring the economy is vital both to domestic stability and foreign creditability.

Bela Kadar, director of the Planned Economy Institute of the Hungarian National Planning Office, wrote recently in the economic weekly Figyeloe that servicing the debt will far exceed the \$400 million to \$500 million projected to be the hard currency surplus generated by trade next year.

Hungarians, whose purchasing power was the envy of citizens in other Soviet bloc countries now have to deal with inflation hovering at 16 per cent. Personal income and sales taxes introduced in 1988, subsidy reductions that could close state enterprises and rising unemployment have all contributed to sinking living standards and fear for the future.

Along with the economic changes, the leadership is offering wide-ranging political reforms, such as the laws on assembly and association slated for passage later this month.

The laws will give legal status to independent political groups and lay the framework for what is expected to be multi-party elections in 1990.

While the parameters of the laws remain unclear, senior Communist Party officials have strongly suggested that only parties who do not challenge the present system will be allowed to contest these elections.

On the economic front, some experts put their faith in the nascent stock market, as the key to turnaround. Among them is Zsigmond Jari, deputy managing director of the Budapest Bank and a member of the stock exchange committee, who said in a recent interview that the exchange will stimulate the domestic economy and draw foreign investors.

**Options**  
Hungarian savings accounts contain about 270 billion forints (\$5.4 billion), and it is estimated that citizens hold an equivalent amount in savings outside banks.

The exchange would offer Hungarians more options for investment, Jari said. Currently, monied Hungarians tend to buy homes or fancy electronic goods.

The stock market also will permit businesses to go public for financing, Jari suggested. Banks now are reluctant to bankroll entrepreneurs just starting out.

The adoption of a securities law, expected by mid-1989, essentially would amount to the official founding of the market. Foreign participation in joint ventures would be liberalised.

Hungarians already have reached agreement with foreigners on about 230 joint ventures. Of those, the approximately 200 already in operation have capital of about \$400 million.

Hungary — with only a fraction of the Soviet Union's 280 million people — is home to more such joint ventures than any other country in the Soviet-led Comecon trading bloc, including the Soviet Union, according to Jozsef Menyhart, president of joint venture club of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce.

Hungary has been active on other economic fronts as well. On Dec 1, an extensive accord with the European Economic Community went into effect establishing most favoured trade status and diplomatic relations between the two parties.

## Czechoslovak trade team to visit South Korea

# Seoul signs fishing pact with Moscow

SEOUL, Jan 4. (AP): In another sign of improving South Korean-Soviet relations, a local fishing company said today it has signed a contract to operate within the Soviet Union's 200-mile (321-kilometre) economic sea zone.

Korea Tuna Co of Seoul said that under a three-year contract signed in Moscow last week, it soon will send a fish-processing ship to Soviet waters in the sea of Okhotsk, off the Kamchatka peninsula.

The 26,300-ton ocean pioneer will process up to 100,000 tons of pollack purchased annually from Soviet ships and bring the fish back to sell in South Korea, it said.

**Contract**  
The contract was awarded on condition that the Seoul firm would pay an estimated \$33 million to repair of an 18,000-ton Soviet fish-processing ship at a South Korean shipyard, the company said.

The ship's repair cost will be paid back by the Soviets in pollack sold to the South Korean firm, it said.

Pollack is a favorite fish among South Koreans. The country imports about 700,000 tons of pollack a year from the United States, Japan and other nations.

In a related development today, the government approved a plan by a private company to import 1,000 tons of pollack worth \$233,000 from North Korea through a French company.

The plan by the Samsung Trading Co of Seoul called for the North Korean pollack to arrive at the southern port of Pusan next month directly from a North Korean port.

**Links**

Promotion of economic links between the two Koreas would be significant because they have been bitter enemies since the division of the Korean peninsula in 1945. Officials from both countries recently have held talks on improving North-South Korean relations.

Also today, government officials said they were close to signing an agreement to exchange trade offices with Czechoslovakia next month. A Czechoslovak delegation plans to visit Seoul later this month to conclude a trade pact, they said.

Hungary and Yugoslavia set up trade offices in Seoul last year. South Korea has signed agreements to exchange trade offices with the Soviet Union,

Poland and Bulgaria in the first half of this year.

Unofficial industry figures show that South Korea's two-way trade with communist nations exceeded \$3 billion last year, up 50 per cent from the previous year.

Meanwhile, the giant Hyundai group of South Korea wants to take part in the development of Siberia and other joint venture projects in the Soviet Union, the conglomerate's owner said today.

"If they request our participation, we are interested in such

projects," Hyundai's honorary chairman, Chung Ju Yung, said in an interview with the economic newspaper Maeil Kyungje Shinmun.

Chung, who owns the Hyundai group of 22 firms with 160,000 employees, planned to leave for the Soviet Union on Friday to discuss various joint venture projects, including the development of Siberia.

Chung said he is particularly interested in the development of timber and coal in Siberia as well as offshore natural gas projects and shipyards.

Chung's trip to the Soviet Union comes amid growing economic links between Seoul and Moscow, which have no diplomatic relations.

Chung also said he would like to visit North Korea to discuss possible investment in the communist state. He formally sought government approval last week for his plan to visit North Korea later this month.

The South Korean businessman, originally from North Korea, reportedly had received a formal invitation from Pyongyang to visit.

## World Business Summary

# Nigeria pledges every effort to honour debts

LAGOS, Jan 4. (Reuters): Nigeria, pledging to make "every effort" to honour its foreign debts, said yesterday that new loans would help the government deal with a burgeoning budget deficit and huge overseas borrowings. Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji, minister of state for budget and planning, was explaining details of an austerity budget announced by President Ibrahim Babangida on Sunday aimed at cutting imports and boosting farming and small scale industry. Alhaji said \$2 billion — 37 per cent of foreign exchange revenues, 80 per cent of which come from oil sales — had been allocated to service repayments on Nigeria's foreign debt of \$26 billion. In naira terms, repayments on external and internal loans in 1989 will nearly double to 13.03 billion naira, compared with 6.92 billion in 1988. Alhaji said fresh loans from the World Bank and other foreign creditors should narrow Nigeria's projected 1989 budget deficit 12.88 billion naira. (\$2.43 billion at the pre-budget official exchange rate). Alhaji said new loans should furnish around six billion naira (\$1.13 billion). The first tranche of a \$500 million World Bank loan should by now have been released, co-financing of around \$200 million is expected from Japan and an international creditors meeting in London next week could help mobilise more funds. Alhaji said money from current projects, such as those funded by the United Nations Development Programme, would provide about another 2.5 billion naira (\$472 million). He said the remainder would be financed by borrowing from financial institutions. "The federal government will make every effort within available resources to honour the terms of all rescheduled loan agreements," he said. He said efforts would continue to reschedule existing debt but borrowing from commercial banks and the international capital market would be discouraged.

## Strong economies in industrial countries buoy metals prices

LONDON, Jan 4. (Reuters): Zinc prices rose to record highs in dollars today on the London Metal Exchange while copper hit an all-time peak in sterling as strong expansion in the industrial economies buoyed demand. High grade zinc for three months delivery hit an all-time peak of \$1,620 a tonne, up 14 from yesterday although it eased a little later. Copper touched \$3,173, below an early December record of 3,200. But in sterling terms it hit an all-time peak of £1,765 a tonne. Nickel hit \$17,800 against a 19,000 record last March. "Given the pick-up in (zinc) demand in the New Year, it was likely we would see high prices," said Peter Kettle, manager for zinc research at the Commodity Research Unit. Driving copper higher were continuing strong industrial demand and dwindling stocks, while overnight news from Peru of explosion damage to transport at Centromin's La Oroya refinery boosted an already firm market. Nickel is buoyant on buying by steel mills which have stepped up production to meet demand created by an expanding world economy. Zinc has led the latest surge in base metal prices.

Metals analyst Robin Bhar at brokers Rudolf Wolff and Co said rising price trend anticipated strong demand in the first half of 1989. Stocks are low and supply lags the demand so prices could go higher, Bhar said. Construction accounts for about half world zinc demand and a mild northern hemisphere winter will probably mean that building activity in January and February will be better than expected.

## Oil refinery achievements

RIYADH, Jan 4. (OPECNA): A senior Saudi oil official, highlighting the achievements of the Yanbu oil refinery, said yesterday that the unit had completed 12 million working hours without loss of time in accidents. At an exhibition sponsored by the Saudi national oil company, Petromin, to celebrate the industrial security week, the refinery's managing director, Yahya Abdul Karim Al Zaid, said that the achievements of the refinery were recognised internationally by specialised agencies and organisations. He said the refinery had received a gold medal for occupational safety from the British Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents for achieving 10.50 million manhours without accident in 1988. He added that the refinery had also received an award of honour from the American National Safety Council for completing 8.50 million manhours without loss of time in accidents in 1987. The \$1.60 billion facility, with a capacity of 170,000 BPD, has been operational since 1983.

## Mercedes-Benz pays \$20.2m fine

WASHINGTON, Jan 4. (AP): Mercedes-Benz paid a record \$20.2-million fine on Friday for failing to meet the government's fuel economy standard for its 1986 model luxury automobiles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said. It was the biggest fine the government had ever collected for gas-guzzling cars. Agency spokesman Tim Hurd said the German manufacturers' 1986 models averaged 21.3 miles per gallon (34.3 kilometres per 3.8 litres) compared with the government standard of 26 miles per gallon (41.8 miles per 3.8 litres). Mercedes may be liable for an additional 5.5 million fine for the 1985 model year under a preliminary decision by an administrative law judge, Hurd said. The company is allowed to appeal that ruling. In the 1985 model year, the requirement was 27.5 (44.3) and Mercedes cars averaged 23.6 (38).

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International Bond Highlights

**LONDON**—Security Pacific Hoare Govett (Holdings) Ltd said it is withdrawing from market making in gilts, Eurobonds and Japanese equities and warrants, shedding 140 jobs. (XKTV 0943)

**Frankfurt**—Eurofina is issuing a 300 mln mark 10-year Eurobond with a 6-1/4 pct coupon priced at 101.50, lead manager Deutsche Bank AG said. (XKTV 1003)

**London**—Trafalgar House PLC is issuing a 100 mln stg Eurobond due Sept 30, 2014 paying 10-7/8 pct, lead manager Kleinwort Benson Ltd said. It will be priced to yield 170 basis points over the nine pct UK gilt due 2008. (XKTP 0904)

**London**—Granada Group plc is issuing a 75 mln stg Eurobond due Jan 11, 2010 which will be priced to yield 170 basis points over the nine pct UK government bond due 2008, sole manager Warburg Securities said. (XKTR 0916)

**London**—Ford Motor Credit Company is issuing a 100 mln ECU four-year Eurobond paying 7-7/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (XKCR 1524)

**Tokyo**—The Export-Import Bank of Japan is planning an untied loan to Hungary for economic projects, the bank's spokesman said. It would be the first official Japanese loan to an East European country. (XKTE 0809)

**London**—The State Bank of South Australia is issuing a 75 mln Australian dollar three-year Eurobond paying 15-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Hambros Bank Ltd said. The amount was increased from an earlier 50 mln dir. (XKCA 1405)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 13 12-7/8	13 12-15/16	13-3/16 1/8
FFY 5.35/40	5.35/45	5.40/50
PAR 8-3/8 1/2	8-1/2 5/8	8-1/2 5/8
ZUR 4-3/8 4-5/8	4-5/8 4-7/8	4-7/8 5-1/8
BRX 5.00	7-5/8 7/16	7-1/2 9/16
ROM 11-1/8 11-5/8	11-1/2 12	11-5/8 12-1/8
AMS 4.12/25	5.52/72	5.75/85
TOK 4.0625 1250	4.5000 5625	4.5625 6250
ECU 7.68 7.93	7.93 8.06	8.12 8.25

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-15/16	8-7/16
3 months	7-1/16	8-9/16
6 months	8	8-1/2
1 year	8	8-1/2

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	80	79.50	76	NICO	587.50	595
ACC	45	46	44	GRASH	55.50	55.25	57	MURAD	95
ASIA PAINT	57.50	52.50	57.50	GSFC	148.75	148.75	146.25	ORKEY	27.50
BAJAJ AUTO	26	26	24.75	NIND LEVER	73.75	73.50	72.50	PEICO	26.50
BAR. RAYON	146.25	143.75	140	HINDALCO	157.50	162	158	PFIZER	68
BOM. DYING	57	56.75	55	HINDOCOCCA	107.50	107.50	105	PRE. AUTO	48.25
BR. BOND	145	145	141.25	HINDOMOTR	29	28.75	27.75	RAYMOND	69
BSE INDEX	666.26	666.26	666.26	JIND ORG	45	42.50	40.50	RELIANCE	147
CENTURYSPG	80.25	80	78.50	INDRATON	82	80	80	SIEMENS	93
COLGATE	41	40.50	38.50	INDROL	245	240	235	SPIC	56.25
DESPAKERT	46	46	45	ITC	48	47.50	47	STOMILLS	270
ET. ROTEL	56	55	57.50	JKSYNTH	83.50	81.50	83	TATA PHR	390
ESKAYEF	146.25	147.50	145	L AND T	124	124	120	TATACHEN	109
ESSAR	29	27	26	MAHINDRA	91	92	88	TELCO	706.25
GAR. POLY	103.75	102.50	102.50	MASTERSHR	18.37	17.75	17.25	TISCO	1092.5
GE. SHIP	40.50	41.50	41	MATHER PL	66.25	63.75	66.25	VOLTAS	490

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	203.0
ALLIANZ VR	1952.0
BADEMERK	180.0
BASF	287.8
BAYER	311.5
BAYER HYP	370.0
BAYER VER	369.0
BBC	369.5
BIF	419.5
BMW	542.0
COMMERZB	239.0
CONT. BUNN	279.0
DATINER BEN	763.0
DEUTSC. BANK	575.0
DLW	460.0
DRESDENER B	319.0
DT. BAROCQ	159.0
FAZ INDEX	566.17
FELDMUEHLE	286.0
GOLDSCHEIDT	357.0
HARPER	426.0
HOECHST AG	310.7
HOESCH	191.0
HORTEN	212.0
HUSSEL HLD	443.8
KALI SALT	173.0
KARSTADT	399.0
KAUFHOFF	379.0
KLOECK H	135.5
KLOECK W	119.5
LUFTHANSA	154.5
MANN	255.0
MANHESMAN	214.0
MERCKES	609.5
METALLGES	354.0
MILKHOFF PF	307.0
NORSK HYD	35.50
PHILIP KON	630.0
PORSCHE	643.0
PREUSSAG	195.0
PWA	244.5
RHEINMETAL	440.0
RWE	232.0
RUE P	213.0
SALAMANDER	204.0
SCHERING	582.0
SEL	275.5
SIEMENS	558.0
THYSEN	193.0
VARTA	328.0
VERA	281.0
VEN	168.0
VOLKSWAGEN	358.4

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	14.90
CHUNG K	8.35
CHINA GAS	17.20
CHINA L-P	13.70
CHINA MOP	24.30
CHINA PROP	4.00
EVERGO IND	2.80
FAR EAST C	.86
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELOP	9.05
H S INDEX	736.83
HANG LUK	5.55
HANG SENG	29.10
HAN PAR BR	10.00
HK ELEC CO	7.15
HK KOWLOON	9.20
HK LAND CO	9.35
HK SHAN BK	6.45
HK SHAN HT	5.65
HK TELE CO	4.85
HUTCH WHAM	8.80
IND ECH PAC	9.55
JARDINE H	14.90
KOWLOON H	8.60
NEW WORLD	13.80
PAUL Y CON	1.48
REALITY DEV	7.05
S H K CO	2.02
S H K PROP	13.00
SINE DARY	2.57
STELUX MFG	2.67
SWIRE PAC	19.30
T V B CO	1.29
TAT CHEUNG	4.10
UNION BANK	1.67
WOCK HND	0
WOCK HNT	0
WORLD INTL	4.47

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE		STOCK	1360	1330
AJINOMOTO	2960	3000	MITSUBU CP	1010	1000
AKAI ELEC	650	638	MITSUBU EL	2700	2650
AKAI	1110	1120	MITSUBU HYV	1000	1000
ASAHI GLS	2040	2040	MITSUBU CO	1010	979
ASAHI OPT	693	670	MITSUBUKOSHI	2170	2140
BANK TOKYO	1710	1700	MITSUBU SEC	999	1000
BRIDGESTON	1380	1360	NICHICOM	1280	1250
CANON	1460	1490	NIP ELEC	980	980
CASIO COMP	1360	1350	NIP KOKKAN	921	1870
CHUGAI PHM	1480	1490	NIP OIL	1960	1960
CITIZEN W	872	875	NIP STEEL	921	940
D-ICHI CAN	3370	3380	NIP TOSHIBA	1450	1460
DAT NIP TK	914	909	NIP YUSEN	860	870
DAT NIP TC	2730	2710	NIP YUSEN	875	868
DAT NIP SC	990	985	NIS MOTOR	1270	1200
DAT NIP TO	874	880	NOMURA SEC	3770	3730
DAIICHI	816	815	OHBA CO	910	885
DATUM H	2000	1980	OLYMPUS	1100	1100
DAIWA SEC	2440	2440	PENTA OCN	1000	1020
EBRA MFG	1170	1120	PIONEER	3400	3440
EISAI	2130	2090	RENOMAN	930	935
FUJITSU	1510	1510	RICOH	930	935
FUJII BANK	3670	3690	SANKYO	1180	1220
FUJII PHOTO	3570	3570	SANKYO ELEC	2270	2260
FUJISAWA	1740	1750	SANKYO ELEC	765	750
FUJITA CP	924	931	SEIYU ST	2080	2090
HITACHI	1570	1570	SEIKISUI PB	1900	1900
HONDA MOT	2050	2030	SHARP	1130	1120
ISSETAN	2260	2230	SHISEIDO	1610	1640
ITO YOKADO	4400	4480	SONY	7100	7170
JAP SYN RYU	1080	1080	SUMITOMO	1290	1250
JAPAN AIR	16700	15800	TAISEI	1270	1260
JAPAN NET	730	724	TAISHO MRN	1410	1400
KAJIMA	1860	1850	TAKEDA CH	2660	2650
KANSAI EL	5100	4800	TEIJJIN	800	798
KAO SOAP	1800	1760	TKO NEW IX	373.50	397.03
KAWASAKI S	856	847	TOKIO MNR	2260	2260
KAWASAKI J	942	961	TOKYO ELEC	1270	1270
KIRIN BREW	1910	1940	TOKYO GAS	1350	1340
KOBATSU	937	924	TOKYO POAR	7300	7050
KUBOTA LTD	880	867	TORAY IND	880	868
KYOCERA	5120	5150	TOSHIBA EL	1040	1010
MAKITA EL	1570	1530	TOTO	2090	2070
MARUI	3120	3050	TOYO KKOXY	746	745
MATSUITA EI	2540	2540	TOYOTA MOT	2570	2540
MATSUYA EL	0	2660	YAMABA	1230	1230
MEIJI SEIK	951	960	YAMAICHI	1850	1860
			YAMAMOTO	3980	3970
			YANAZAKI	1440	1430

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS RISE TO RECORD CLOSE IN HALF-DAY  
TOKYO, JAN 4, REUTER - BULLISH SENTIMENT ABOUT THE OUTLOOK FOR 1989 BOOSTED SHARE PRICES ACROSS A WIDE RANGE AND BROUGHT THE CLOSELY-WATCHED NIKKEI INDEX TO A RECORD CLOSE IN A HALF-DAY SESSION AFTER THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, BROKERS SAID.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 84.66 POINTS, OR 0.28 PCT, TO A RECORD CLOSING 30,243.66, AFTER TOUCHING A RECORD INTRA-DAY HIGH OF 30,272.72. IT ROSE 108.07 TO THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE OF 30,159.00 LAST WEDNESDAY, WHEN IT ALSO HIT THE PREVIOUS INTRA-DAY HIGH OF 30,264.36. VOLUME WAS 350 MLN SHARES AGAINST 400 MLN IN LAST WEDNESDAY'S HALF-DAY SESSION, WHICH MARKED THE LAST DAY OF TRADING BEFORE THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

"PEOPLE ARE STILL QUITE BULLISH, BUT THERE WILL BE LITTLE ACTION, POSSIBLY FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK," ONE BROKER SAID.

INVESTORS MIGHT WANT TO WAIT TO SEE THE U.S. EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR DECEMBER TO BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY, HE ADDED.

THE TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX, OR TOPIX, ROSE 18.27 POINTS TO 2,375.30 AFTER GAINING 6.59 POINTS LAST WEDNESDAY. GAINERS LED LOSERS BY ABOUT FIVE TO THREE.

THE SECOND SECTION INDEX FIRMED 8.13 POINTS TO 2,802.39 ON VOLUME OF 2.93 MLN SHARES AGAINST 4.66 MLN LAST WEDNESDAY, WHEN IT ROSE 10.61 POINTS.

BROKERS SAID THE MARKET WAS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RESURGENCE OF WORRIES OVER RISING U.S. INTEREST RATES WHICH DEPRESSED WALL STREET ON TUESDAY. "NEW YORK WAS QUITE WEAK, BUT PEOPLE ARE NOT PANICKING HERE," SAID CRAIG CHUDLER, STRATEGIST WITH SMITH NEW COURT. "THERE IS A LOT OF CAUTION ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE U.S. BUT PEOPLE EXPECT THE YEN TO REMAIN QUITE STRONG AND THUS INTEREST RATES HERE TO REMAIN STABLE," HE SAID.

NTT ROSE ON SPECULATION THE FACE VALUE OF ITS SHARES WILL BE CUT TO 500 YEN FROM 50,000 WHEN THE FINANCE MINISTRY SELLS THE NEXT TRANCHE OF SHARES, POSSIBLY LATER THIS YEAR.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JAN 4, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS ADDED TO TUESDAY'S STRONG FINISH TO CLOSE AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE JULY 1988.

THE HANG SENG INDEX JUMPED 30.14 POINTS TO 2,736.83, A LEVEL UNMATCHED SINCE JULY 15, 1988.

TURNOVER WAS 1.32 BILLION H.K. DLRS, THE HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE JULY 7 AND AGAINST TUESDAY'S 653.18 MLN DLRS.

THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX ADDED 19.61 TO 1,804.70. "THERE WERE A LOT OF LOCAL PLAYERS BUYING, IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT," AN ANALYST SAID.

AMMAN

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ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	0.62 0.65
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	0.50 0.50
ARAB BANK	2.67 2.65
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.60 3.50
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	3.70 3.70
ARAB INSURANCE	1.49 1.47
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	1.95 1.90
ARAB INT. UNION	4.25 4.40
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58 0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST	2.50 2.50
ARAB PAPER CON/TRO	5.04 5.00
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	0.94 0.94
ARAB POTASH CO.	5.45 5.45
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	2.40 2.42
BANK OF JORDAN	1.25 1.24
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.96 0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	13.85 13.90
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.88 1.79
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	2.15 2.10
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	0.74 0.74
DARGO/CREDIT/COB	0.80 0.78
FINANCE/INVEST/HOUS.	0.69 0.73
FINANCE OWNERS OFF	60.00 60.00
GENERAL INSURANCE	0.74 0.75
GENERAL INVESTMENT	2.07 2.17
GENERAL MNGING.	0.46 0.45
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.25 0.28
HOLY LAND INS.	2.31 2.29
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.86 0.82
INDSTR DEVLPT BKK	0.96 0.97
INDSTR/COMM/AGR.	1.91 1.89
INDSTRAL INVEST.	1.25 1.20
INTERN. CON/INV	0.86 0.86
IRBID ELECTRICITY	1.35 1.31
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	
JERUSALEM INS.	
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	
JOR EAGLE INS.	
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	
JOR INS AND FIN.	

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	74.00	74.00
AC-A	16.75	14.00	13.75	LC-A	.49	.50
ANS	2.85	2.90	2.85	LC-B	.49	.50
GLO	32.50	33.00	32.50	PK-A	.38	.39
PLDT	227.00	228.00	227.00	PK-B	.39	.40
KPSI-A	2.48	2.40	2.40	BP-A	.017	.018
KPSI-B	3.40			BP-B	.017	.018
SHC-A	146.00	147.00	146.00	LC-A	.0042	.0044
SHC-B	230.00	235.00		LC-B	.0042	.0044
MINING SECTOR				OPH-A	.035	.036
APX-A	.022	.023	.023	OPH-B	.037	.038
APX-B	.022	.023	.023	OV-A	.031	.032
AT-A	34.50	35.00	34.00	OV-B	.032	.033

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SEC-IND.	854,990	9,632,055	946.70	14.04 UP
MINING	857,560	7,545,450	4,960.21	31.13 UP
OIL	650,300	13,196,390	5,963	0.416 UP
TOTAL	738,723,250	30,373,895	843.98	24.70 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR							
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	73.50	74.00	73.50
SHC-A	146.00	147.00	146.00	BC-B	87.00	95.00	
SHC-B	232.00	235.00		LC-A	.48	.50	.49
SD-TIRE	35.00		35.50	LC-B	.50	.51	.50
PLDT	227.00	228.00	226.00	ZIP	.009	.0095	.009
ANSOR-A	2.90	2.95	2.85	OIL SECTOR			
AC-A	13.50	14.00	13.75	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	32.50	33.00	32.50	BP-A	.017	.018	.016
FER-A	2.34	2.36	2.36	BP-B	.017	.018	.016
FER-B	2.44	2.46	2.44	LRC-A	.004	.0042	.004
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B	.0042	.0044	.0042
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-A	.035	.036	.033
APX-A	.022	.023	.023	OPM-B	.038	.039	.034
APX-B	.022	.024	.023	OV-A	.032	.033	.031
AT-A	35.00		34.50	OV-B	.035	.034	

## Hike in interest rates sends share prices lower

## Gloomy forecast for Kuwait Stock Exchange

THE Kuwait Stock Exchange performance during 1988 appears to be gloomy although it will remain the centre of attraction and concern from various interested corners. Al Shall Economic Consultants said in its annual business review for 1988 and 1989. The report said that some of the companies trading in the stock market may find it difficult to solve problems. Solutions in the past few years were not enough to activate their assets.

The report predicted that there will be slow and sluggish trading in the stock market during 1989 compared to 1987 and 1988. Dealers pinned hopes on ceasefire in the Gulf war, splitting of Kuwaiti companies shares and allowing companies to buy 10 per cent of their shares, have now disappeared.

It said that investors would prefer to invest their funds in bank deposits, either in Kuwaiti dinar or in foreign currencies, because of the high interest rates and bigger returns compared to trading in shares. But it said that if Iraq and Iran arrive at an agreement to completely end the war, a positive effect is expected on the market.

The report also said that the government would continue to support the local commercial banks. It also predicted more Gulf companies will be dissolved or converted into Kuwaiti share-

holding companies after facing a setback in 1988.

The report said that a good progress was achieved in the economic role of the Kuwait Stock Market during the past year. But it said that a pressure was created on the already scarce monetary resources of the Kuwaiti companies and banks by urging it to buy 10 per cent of its shares in a bid to reactivate the market.

## Value

The report added that the index of the Kuwaiti shares performance during 1988 ended with 41.21 points, a slight drop from that of 1987 which was 41.81 points.

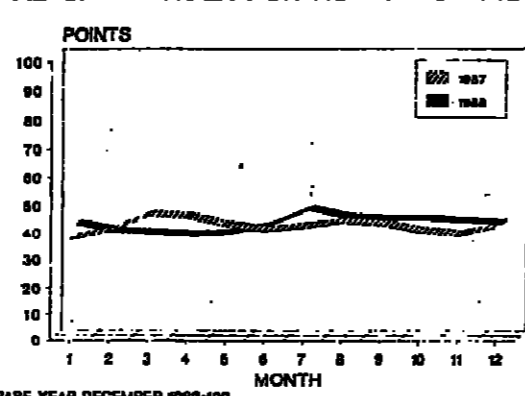
It said that investments in shares in Kuwait occupied a backward position in the investment priorities in the local market. The banking sector acquired most of the Kuwaiti share trading by 55.5 per cent of the quantity and 78.8 per cent of the value of Kuwaiti shares traded last year.

The report added that the Central Bank approval to buy 10 per cent of their shares in the market also gave new fillip to the market. It added that the declaration of ceasefire in the Gulf war boosted the prices of Kuwaiti shares by 16.7 per cent.

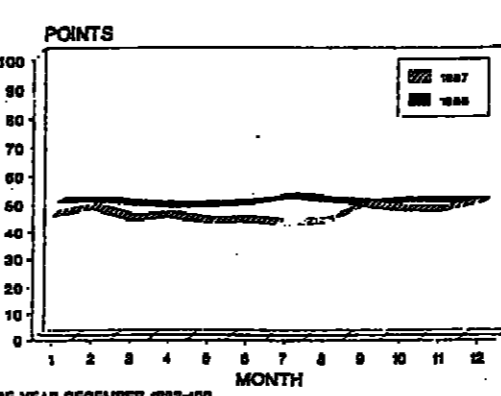
The hike in interest rate has adversely affected the share prices.

The report said that the market value of the Kuwaiti

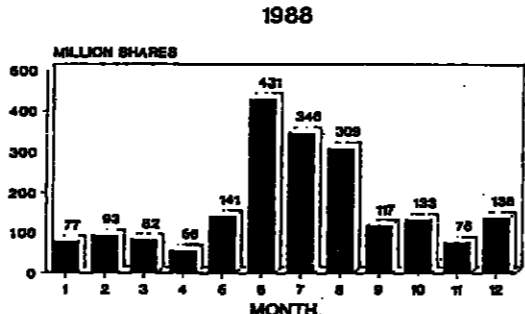
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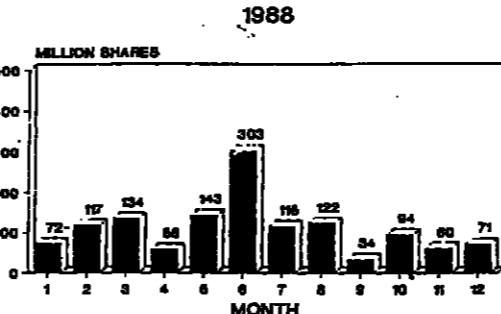
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companies at the end of 1988 dropped by KD 240 million compared with its market value by the end of 1987. It said that the market value of these companies was KD 3,450 million by the end of 1987.

About the oil prices, the report said that if OPEC members stick to their recent agreement the oil prices will increase to around \$18 a barrel. But this will not be achieved in the beginning of the new year. The report added that

TRADED GULF SHARES 1988



Kuwait's financial position appears to be better compared to other oil producing countries. It said that public expenditure in Kuwait dropped from KD 3,660 million in '82/'83 fiscal year to KD 3,090 million in '87/'88.

## North Sea oil prices rise

## Dollar, gold jump and UK shares near highs

LONDON, Jan 4, (Reuters): Word from the Pentagon that US Navy fighters shot down two Libyan aircraft over the Mediterranean sent the dollar and gold higher today, currency dealers reported.

The dollar tends to attract investors in time of tension. It touched highs at 1.7850 West German marks and almost 125 yen in Europe but then eased slightly. It had closed in London yesterday at 1.7635 and 123.55.

Gold, the traditional investor haven, which had dipped to around \$408.50 an ounce at one point this morning, rose to \$411.

Busy

Gold trading was busy with Middle Eastern operators active. Earlier, speculation that US interest rates were headed higher had also buoyed the dollar, after giving Wall Street a bad case of New Year blues.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude oil, firmed 15 to 20 cents a barrel in the spot markets on the news from the Pentagon, traders reported.

Cargoes of Brent for loading in February sold up to \$15.98 a barrel. Earlier, February Brent was traded at \$15.82.

Gasoil futures rose to their highest since last April.

West German shares also dropped on the news of the clash in the Mediterranean. The Dax index ended at 1,365.08 after an earlier 1,373.19 — the highest it has been since it was introduced just over a year ago with a base of 1,000.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond was firmer in London at 99-12/32 per cent of its 100 per cent face value, yielding 9.07 per cent.

## Higher

Earlier, the prospect that higher US interest rates might be needed to stop the robust US economy from overheating had been the main market factor.

Higher interest rates would make many interest-bearing dollar assets a better buy. But they would also tend to syphon funds out of shares and might also crimp business profits,

hence a fall of 23.93 points to 2,144.64 yesterday on the New York Stock Market's Dow Jones Industrial Average.

Tokyo's Stock Market, however, celebrated its first 1989 trading day by taking its Nikkei 225-share average to a record close at 30,243.66 points, an 84.66-point gain in a half-day session.

## Quiet

"New York was quite weak but people are not panicking here," said Craig Chudler, strategist with broker Smith New Court in Tokyo. "People expect the yen to remain quite strong and thus interest rates here to remain stable."

But even in Tokyo, brokers said some investors might be cautious until US employment figures are issued on Friday which will be a clue to how fast the US economy actually is growing.

In Asia, Sydney had a dull day. The Australian All-Ordinaries index ended down 9.3 at 1,470.7.

But Hong Kong's Hang Seng index closed at its best since last July 15, up 30.14 to 2,736.83 points. Brokers cited good local buying.

In early New York trading today, Wall Street stocks recouped some of yesterday's losses. Brokers cited the firmer dollar and higher bond prices at 10 am. In New York the Dow was up 5.54 points at 2,150.18.

The dollar meanwhile held steady in early New York currency trading around 1.7850 marks and 124.75 yen.

## Cautious

Dealers said that, would-be speculators on a firmer dollar were made cautious about buying by the threat of intervention to cap the advance by the Bundesbank. West Germany's central bank, concerned to stabilise exchange rates, sold about \$21 million in Frankfurt.

In London shares were back near the highs on the day in moderate late business, boosted by Wall Street's early advance

and the dollar's rise after news US planes downed two Libyan aircraft over the Mediterranean, dealers said.

A feature was United Biscuits, up 32p or 11 per cent from yesterday's closing to 318p on turnover of 12.3 million shares by 1601 GMT. Dealers cited speculation that Swiss interests might want to build a stake.

By 1603 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 8.5 points to 1,791.3. The day's high of 1,791.7 was reached at 1103 GMT.

## Tensions

The higher dollar added many of the exporters and dollar earners with ICI up 8p to 1,023. Reuters ahead 7p to 515 and Glaxo up 4p to 1,068. Foreign exchange dealers said investors tend to buy the dollar in the face of international tensions.

Dealers and analysts this morning said speculation Jacobs Suchard of Switzerland might want to build a stake in or bid for United Biscuits caused much of the interest in United shares.

## New rules to regulate world coffee exports

LONDON, Jan 4, (AP): The International Coffee Organisation's new rules for regulating world exports and prices of coffee are due to take effect today.

Under the new control regime in effect until September, the 1988-89 (October-September) global export quota will be cut if the ICO's indicator of the average world market price drops below a pre-agreed level.

If the ICO indicator price drops to \$1.20 a pound or less, the current quota of 58 million bags will be cut by 1 million bags. Each bag equals 132 pounds (60 kilos).

## Price

The ICO reported yesterday that its indicator for Dec 30 — the last trading day of 1988 — was \$1.2704 a pound.

Traders said this was its highest level in about two years and that the indicator price available today for Jan 3 — the first trading day of 1989 — was certain to be above the critical 1.20 level.

The new ICO regime allows for further automatic reductions to be triggered in the export quota by price movements if the first cut takes place and fails to lift the indicator back above 1.20 — the target minimum agreed for 1988-89.

The quota, however, cannot be reduced below 53 million bags. The new rules also allow automatic quota increases from today, with the first of one million bags automatically triggered if the indicator price rises to \$1.40, the group's target maximum price, or more between now and Sept 30.

The quota can be raised up to a maximum of 63 million bags to defend this price ceiling.

Cuts or increases will be applied to quotas of ICO exporting members according to a complex formula.

The ICO administers the coffee price-stabilisation treaty signed by 24 Western importing countries and 50 exporters accounting for 99 per cent of world production.

## IDB move to enhance technical co-operation

JEDDAH, Jan 4, (KUNA): Jeddah based Islamic Development Bank, (IDB) has been doing its best to push the wheel of economic and social development in the Islamic countries, the Saudi news agency reported.

From 1976 to 1988 the IDB allocated about \$8 billion for financial foreign trade operation as well as support of development projects in the member states.

In 1988 the IDB allocated \$222 million for financing development projects in the member states and \$389 million for financing foreign trade operations.

## Co-operation

Meanwhile, the IDB has been implementing a technical co-operation programme among the member states. The programme, which aims at

enhancing technical co-operation among the Islamic countries, covers training courses, seminars, field visits to the industrial areas in the member states as well co-operation with the concerned authorities like the UN's Industrial Development Programme.

## Funds

The IDB, which gives a special attention to the less developed member states, has established an emergency programme with an allocation of \$60 million for support of agriculture, irrigation and animal resources projects in the African Sahel countries and Sudan.

Meanwhile, the IDB extends long-term loans and technical assistance to the less developed member states so as to help them

implement infrastructure projects.

Also the IDB, in collaboration with the Saudi Industrial Development Fund and other similar funds, extends support to the development projects in these countries.

Moreover, the IDB is keen to enhance commercial exchange among the member states.

In collaboration with the permanent Committee for Economic and Commercial Co-operation among the OIC's member states, the IDB has set a programme for financing commercial exchange activities among the member states.

On the other hand, in collaboration with 20 Islamic banks, the IDB has established a fund to support foreign trade operations and development

programmes in the member states.

To extend further services to its member states, the IDB has made links with the national, regional and international banks and establishments for boosting the financial programmes, exchange of technical data, conducting of researches, and exploiting of the available resources.

## Resolution

In 1979 the IDB established the Islamic Institute for Researches and Training in the line of the resolution adopted by the council of the IDB's governments at its meeting held in March 14, 1979. The institute conducts the required researches on the economic financial and banking activities in the member states.

## Isuzu N series truck production passes 2m mark

TOKYO: Isuzu Motors Ltd., announced here that its production of light-duty N series trucks recently surpassed the two million mark. The milestone, considered a rare achievement for commercial vehicles, was recorded when truck number 2,000,000, a calm white model NKR, rolled off the assembly line at Isuzu's Fujiwara factory on Nov 8, 1988.

Isuzu produces its N series models in the range of 3.1 to 7.0 tons gross vehicle mass (G.V.M.). Of these, production to date of models having a G.V.M. of between 4.1 and 6.0 tons has reached 1,505,000 units since Isuzu initiated the series in 1962.

## Trucks

While it took 16 years for Isuzu to produce its first million N series trucks, the pace of production has quickened considerably; it has only taken the company 10 years to produce its second million units.

The acknowledged pioneer in light-duty diesel truck design, Isuzu's current N series employs a sophisticated direct injection diesel engine affording exceptionally good fuel economy. It was also the first in its class to offer such model innovations as a low cargo bed, a feature now



An Isuzu Motors N series truck rolls off the assembly line at their Fujiwara factory in Japan. It was the 2,000,000th vehicle produced at the plant.

widely imitated. The N series has held the top share of the Japan domestic market for the past 19 consecutive years. At present, Isuzu exports approximately 8,000 units annually to the United States, and, with the exception of

pickup trucks, holds the overwhelming share of US truck imports from Japan.

With the addition of its new low cargo bed model expected to result in expanded user demand, Isuzu has raised its US sales goals to 15,000 units annually by 1990.

Isuzu, currently ranked ahead of Daimler Benz and General Motors as the world's largest manufacturer of medium-duty trucks, also stands as the world's top firm in terms of total production of industrial and commercial vehicles.

## Kuwait will not change investment strategy: KIO

LONDON, Jan 4, (Reuters): The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) said today that its experience with British Petroleum Co PLC (BP) shares over the past 15 months would not force a change of its investment strategy.

KIO manager Fouad Jaffar, speaking a day after KIO's sale of 790 million BPO shares back to the company, said in a British television interview: "We shall go on doing what we have always done, to evaluate situations as and when they come up."

Jaffar, in a rare public statement by the KIO, said many offers had been received for the shares but BP's was considered the best. The KIO is the Kuwait government's overseas investment arm.

## Worried

The British government worried such a holding could pose a threat to British interests, ordered the KIO in October to cut its BP stake to 9.9 per cent from 21.6 per cent within three years.

BP said in a statement yesterday it had agreed to pay £2.47 pounds (\$4.52) each for 790 million of its own shares from the Kuwait Investment Office, which would bring KIO's stake down to the maximum limit dictated by Britain.

Jaffar said the requirement to reduce the stake still left the KIO as BP's largest shareholder and it harboured no ill feelings about the affair.

In Kuwait, newspapers today quoted government sources as

saying the Gulf state would make a profit of \$700 million on the sale, including an indirect gain of \$40 to \$50 million through exchange rate fluctuations.

The KIO said in London yesterday when the deal was announced that it would make a gross profit of about 16 pence (29 cents) a share on the sale, a total of £126.4 million (\$231 million).

## Contact

The buy-back of BP shares followed high-level government contact between Kuwait and Britain.

KIO had long maintained that it viewed its big stake in BP as a long-term investment and was not interested in a takeover of the oil giant.

But BP and government officials appeared nervous that a Gulf oil producer was such a major shareholder in Britain's biggest company and worried that its chunk might be sold to a predator.

In recent years, the oil industry has been swept by a wave of takeovers.

KIO quietly bought BP shares

cheaply after a huge flotation of the British government's remaining 31.5 per cent stake and some new shares floated following the October 1987 world stock market crash.

KIO saved some underwriters

from massive losses and helped

buoy BP's share price but its

stake later became too large for

the comfort of the British government.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Jan 4, (Reuters): Institutional trading dominated another lacklustre day for Australian stocks in a market hampered by the poor performance of futures contracts. The All Ordinaries index fell 9.3 to 1,470.7.

TOKYO: Bullish sentiment for 1989 boosted a wide range of prices. The Nikkei index closed at a record 30,243.66, up 84.66, in the half-day session.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed at their highest levels since July 1988, with the Hang Seng index up 30.14 to 2,736.83.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed slightly lower after fluctuating narrowly in quiet trading. The Straits Times industrial index fell 3.54 to 1,030.69.

BOMBAY: Prices fell on a broad front amid fears that the budget for 1989/90 to be presented next month might not offer incentives to investors.

FRANKFURT: Shares nosedived on news that US fighters downed two Libyan jets, knocking prices off post-crash highs. The Dax index closed up 5.75 at 1,365.08.

ZURICH: Prices closed steady in selective trading, with interest centred on bearer shares and participation certificates. The Swiss Index fell 0.2 to 954.5.

LONDON: Shares were back

near the day's high in moderate

late business, boosted by Wall

Street's early advance and the

dollar's rise despite news that US

planes downed two Libyan jets.

By 1603 GMT the FTSE 100

index was up 8.5 at 1,791.3.



Tokyo traders pile over one another at a trading counter of the Tokyo Stock Exchange on the opening day of the market for 1989 yesterday. Share prices rose on a mood of optimism to close the half-day session at 30,243.66 yen. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Despite highest economic growth this decade

## W. German jobless rate soars

BONN, Jan 4, (Reuters): West German unemployment figures for 1988 show that despite the highest economic growth this decade West Germany's jobless rate rose and economists are predicting worse to come.

Data released by the Federal Labour Office today revealed that an average 2.24 million people were without work throughout last year — a jobless rate of 8.7 per cent compared with 8.5 per cent in 1987.

Petra Ott, Frankfurt-based economist for Citibank AG, saw the unemployment rate rising again this year in the world's third biggest economy.

## Unrealistic

"A rate of over nine per cent for 1989 doesn't seem unrealistic," she said.

The new labour office statistics showed the jobless rate declining in December to 8.5 per cent from 9.2 per cent in the same month of 1987. But it attributed the decrease to unusually mild weather last month.

West Germany's job market faces the special problem of having to employ thousands of East bloc refugees invited by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government into the country, said Peter

Pietsch, an economist at Commerzbank AG in Frankfurt.

The Interior Ministry said yesterday 242,505 people from Eastern Europe were settled last year, up from 97,508 in 1987.

Citibank's Ott said the unemployment rate would stay high

because West German manufacturers responded to higher demand for their goods by laying on extra shifts rather than by hiring more workers.

## Plant

Ford Werke AG, the West

German subsidiary of Ford Motor Corp. of the United States, said today it would produce 7,000 extra cars at its Saarlouis plant in the period to July. A Ford spokesman said the increase would be achieved through overtime.

West Germany's persistently high unemployment, which broke through the two million mark in 1982 to hit a peak of 2.35 million in 1983, has prompted calls for special measures.

Heinrich Franke, Federal

Labour Office president, said

yesterday that Bonn should start

an investment programme in

West German cities to employ

people in the construction industry.

"It's better to spend money on employment than unemployment benefit," Franke said in a television interview.

## Growth

Economists said Franke's proposals were unthinkable in inflation-conscious West Germany when economic growth was expected to be about 3.5 per cent in 1988 and 2.5 per cent this year.

Higher government spending in an expanding economy would lead to a surge in the inflation, they said.

"We can only accept an investment programme if we accept higher inflation," said Ulrich Stipke, chief economist at Vereins Und Westbank AG in Hamburg.

The unemployment level could only be brought down if the West German labour market were made more flexible, said Commerzbank's Pietsch.

West German Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann told Reuters in October the country's persistently high jobless rate was due to the rigidity of wage agreements between employers and unions.

"Not enough jobs are created from economic growth," he said.

## OPEC aid in '73-87 reached \$84.70b

VIENNA, Jan 4, (OPECNA): Between 1973 and 1987, total concessional assistance extended by the 13 OPEC countries to other developing states reached \$84.70 billion.

Assistance was extended through both bilateral and multilateral channels, according to a new OPEC Fund publication entitled "OPEC Aid and OPEC Aid Institutions."

## Commitment

Describing the operations of the OPEC Fund for International Development as "only a fraction of the overall OPEC aid effort," the publication says that in the 1973-1987 period, OPEC aid represented almost one-fifth of all official development assistance (ODA) to Third World countries.

The introduction states that whereas OPEC countries have consistently reiterated their commitment to the social and economic advancement of the developing nations, unfavourable economic circumstances such as fluctuating oil and commodity prices have made it increasingly difficult for many of them to match their present aid performance with that of earlier years.

The publication shows that although net OPEC ODA as a percentage of GNP declined from a high of 2.86 per cent in 1975 to 0.64 per cent in 1987, it still compared favourably with the average figure of 0.35 per cent registered by member countries of OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) in the 1973-87 period. The socialist bloc of countries averaged 0.19

per cent. The ODA-GNP ratio of Saudi Arabia during the 1973-87 period was 5.53 per cent, followed by Qatar (4.84 per cent), the United Arab Emirates (4.67 per cent) and Kuwait (4.59 per cent).

In the same period, close to 20 per cent of all ODA to developing countries was committed by OPEC states. In 1981, Saudi Arabia alone provided 16 per cent of the total, about the same level as that of the United States.

Part I of the publication looks at OPEC assistance in comparison with that of other donor groups. Part II and III provide a directory of OPEC aid institutions, while Part IV gives details of the trust funds set up by the OPEC member countries of Algeria, Nigeria and Venezuela.

# Dear Junior Readers,

The holiday season is over and I'm sure that most of you are glad to be back in school, amongst your classmates and friends.

Look around ... perhaps there are some new faces in your class or on the bus. Why not try and make these newcomers feel at home and part of the crowd?

Think of the time when you were in a place full of strangers ... remember how you felt when everyone else knew each other and you were the odd one out.

Just a friendly greeting, a smile and a few pleasantries won't cost you much but it will mean a lot to the newcomer.

Have a happy school term.

Aunty Ghazala

# Birthday greetings!



Summer of Palo Alto, California celebrated her ninth birthday on January 4. Best wishes from her three aunts and cousins Omar, Sahar, Amal, Suleyman and Waqar in Kuwait.



Asifa was one year old on 4th January 89. Best wishes from her parents.



Jocelyn recently celebrated her first birthday. Many happy returns from Papa, mama and sister Bleenda.

Answers to Tuesday's crossword  
Across: 1 Ditch; 4 Cater; 7 Prowler; 8 Now; 9 Lithe; 10 Crew; 12 Tub; 14 Dado; 16 Actor; 19 Tun; 20 Bolland; 21 Chose; 22 Tunny.  
Down: 1 Dappled; 2 Trout; 3 Helmet; 4 Curt; 5 Temor; 6 Raw; 11 Worldly; 13 Ballet; 15 Dingo; 17 Train; 18 Oboe; 19 Tie

# Did you know?

The last British king to take part in a battle was George II at the Battle of Dettingen in 1743.

Anna Karenina, heroine of Leo Tolstoy's book, died in a railway station. In 1910 Tolstoy himself died in a railway station.

State Treasurer of Texas in the 1930s was 3-foot 9-inch midget.

In Killarney, Ireland, at the Eagle's Nest Cave, you will be told if you sound a bugle note there you will hear it repeated at least hundred times.

The Portuguese Man-o'-War (jelly-fish) is not one single animal but a colony of small animals.

Between 1500 and 1600 the stock of precious metals in Europe trebled.

The diprotodon (or giant wombat) lived in Australia 500,000 years ago in large numbers. It was the same size as a rhinoceros.

In Norway many cottages have grass roofs.

The first occasion when a flag was flown at half-mast as a mark of respect for the dead was in 1612. It was lowered to half-mast when the captain of a ship had been killed by Eskimos.

Man-made satellites were first suggested by Sir Isaac Newton in a work published in 1687.

In India in 1970 there was a school in the Jamma district with one pupil and one teacher.

A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.

Louis Braille who invented a system of reading for the blind, developed it from messages used by French troops who punched marks in paper so they could be read at night without the use of light.

When the Palace of Versailles was built there were no bathrooms or lavatories in the whole of the building.

By G.E. Whittle

PIXIE What's-his-name lived in the middle of Bluebell Wood. No one knew his real name, because he was so forgetful he could never remember what it was himself. All the pixies and fairies called him What's-his-name. And where did he live? When he could remember he lived most of the time in the big toadstool next door to Pixie Muffin, so called because of the lovely muffins he made every day to sell in his baker's shop.

One day Pixie Muffin needed some help and he called next door to see if What's-his-name was at home. He was pleased to find him there.

# The forgetful pixie

"Ha, there you are," said Pixie Muffin. "I wonder if you could help me today? I am very busy and I promised to deliver two bags of muffins to the Post Office. Old Ben the postman is then going to take them for me to Martha the witch, when he takes the letters."

"Yes, I will take the muffins for you — who did you say wanted them?" replied What's-his-name.

"The Post Office, can you remember the Post Office?" said Pixie Muffin. He didn't really like to trust What's-his-name with the muffins ... but there was no one else to ask. Everyone was busy. What's-his-name should have been busy too.

only he couldn't remember what he should have been doing.

Time after time Pixie Muffin repeated, "The Post Office, the Post Office — sure you can remember the Post Office."

"Of course I can," replied What's-his-name, running off with the muffins and hoping he would be able to remember where he had to take them.

When he was halfway there, however, he came across a group of fairies, all chattering and jumping around. One little fairy had fallen down a rabbit hole and no one could reach her to pull her out.

"Oh, What's-his-name, do help us, we can't reach Tiny Bell and we think she might be hurt," they cried.

"Yes, I'll help," said the forgetful pixie. "I've nothing else to do," he said forgetting already that he

was on his way to deliver muffins to the Post Office. He put the muffins down on the grass and set about helping Tiny Bell to get out of the rabbit hole. This was easy enough. He took off his belt, which was made of plaited grass and, fastening one end around his wrist, he dropped the other end down the hole. Tiny Bell bung on tightly and was slowly pulled up to safety.

"Thank you very much, What's-his-name," she said, you have saved my life. I shall do a good deed for you one day in return."

"It's a pleasure," said What's-his-name. "Now, what was I doing — where have the muffins come from?" he asked himself. "Who put them there? Someone must have left them. I'd better pick them up."

This he did and, thinking it must be nearly tea-time, he decided to make his way over to Minnie Mouse's Tea Rooms and have a cup of tea.

Close by the tea rooms was a post-box. Looking at the post-box reminded What's-his-name of something, but what was it? "Post-box, post-box!" he said. "Oh yes, I remember now I've got to post the muffins."

But try as he did he could not get the muffins into the letterbox. Then he saw they had no name and address on. "I can't post these with no name on," he thought to



himself. "That can't be right."

And then he remembered: not the post-box, the post OFFICE. Of course, he thought, oh, I wish I was not so forgetful.

Off he rushed to the Post Office, only to find it was closed! "Oh dear, I've taken so long to get here, I've missed Ben the postman. Now the office is closed. I remember, the muffins are for Martha the witch — I shall just have to climb the hill and take them myself. I hope she won't be cross and turn me into a frog or something."

What's-his-name set off to deliver the muffins to the witch. It was a long way up the hill, or was it down the

hill? He just could not remember. Well, he thought, I shall have to ask someone along the way.

The first person he met was Willie Woodpecker. "Hello," called Willie.

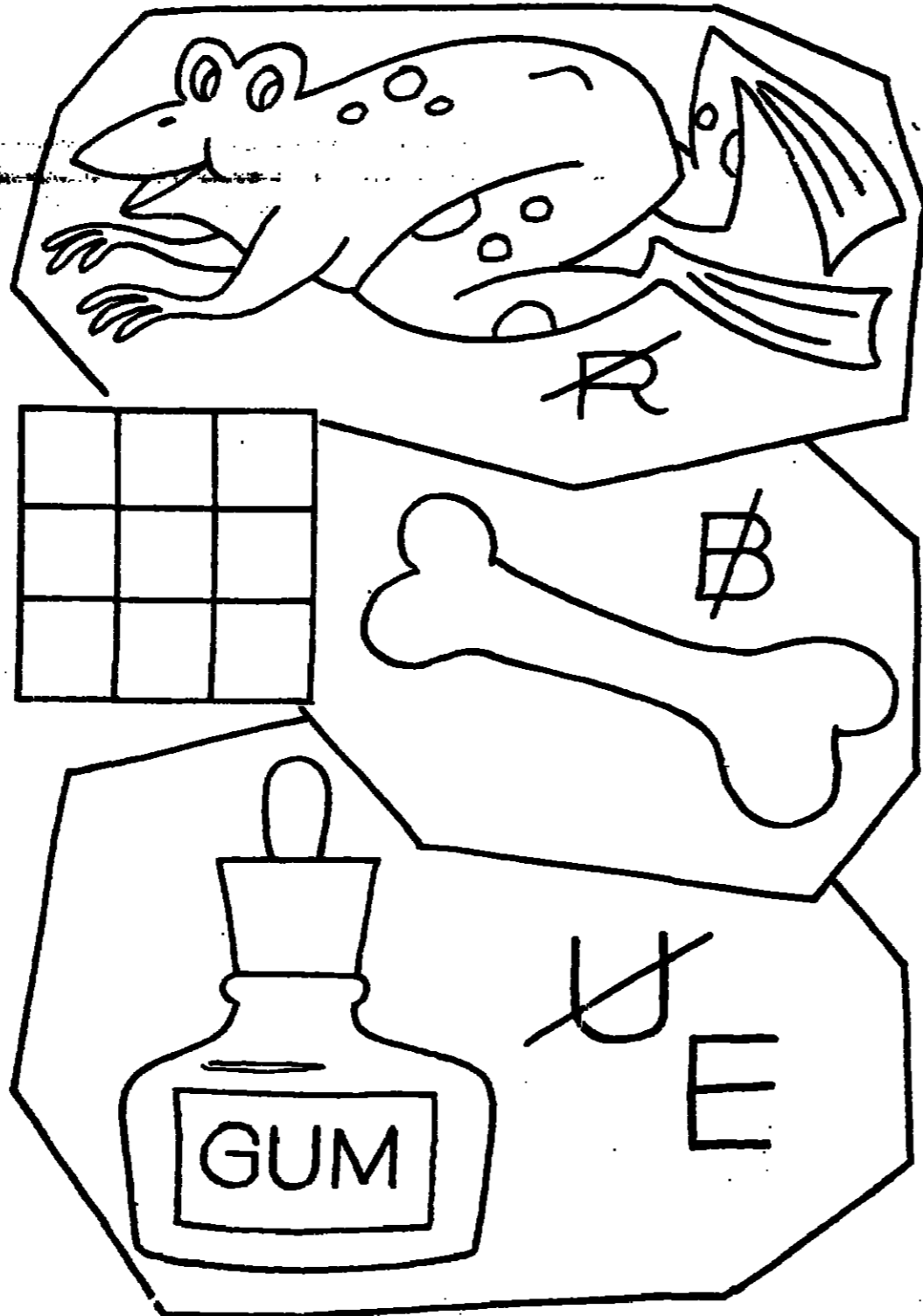
"Where are you going?" "Just walking," replied What's-his-name, who had again forgotten where he was going.

"You had better watch your step," said Willie. "the witch is around, and on the look out for something — it could be a pixie!"

"Yes, that's it," thought the pixie: the witch, the muffins. "It's Ben the postman she's looking for. I must find her and give her the muffins."

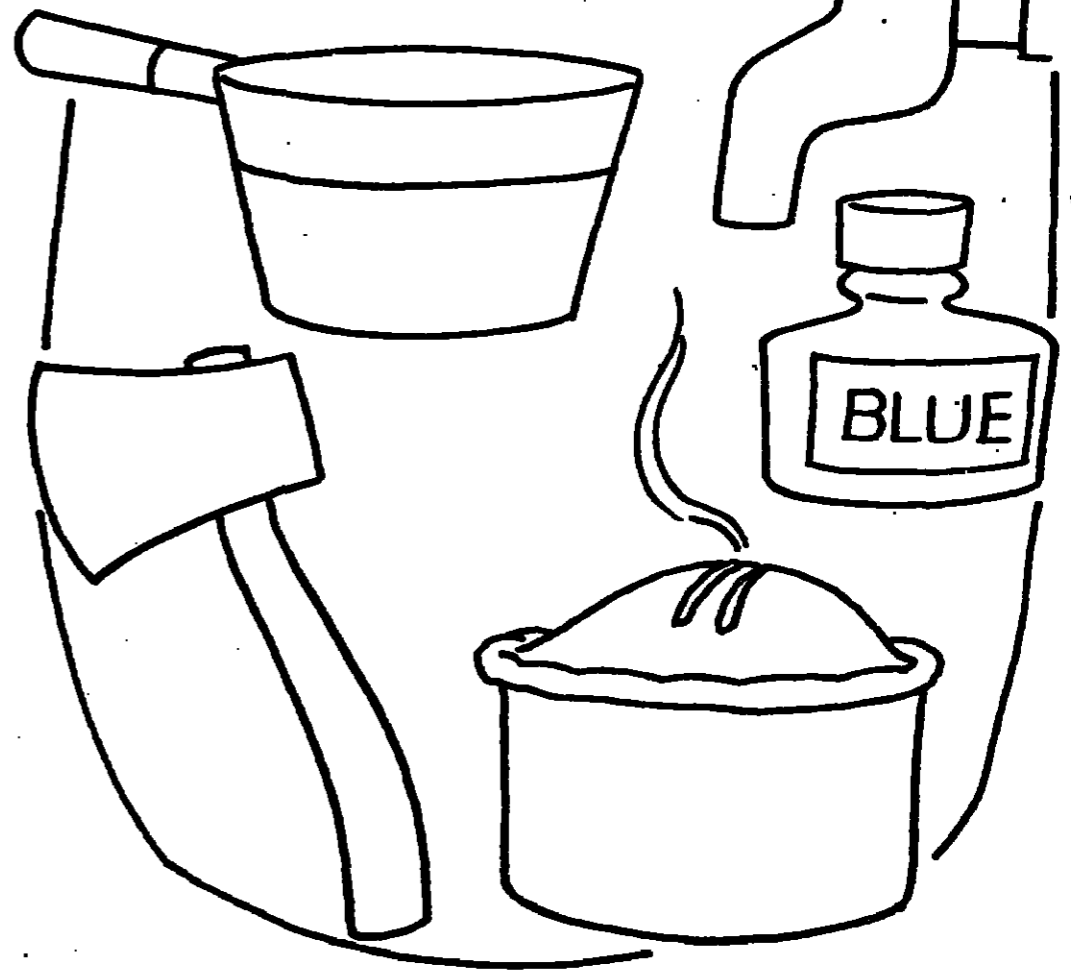
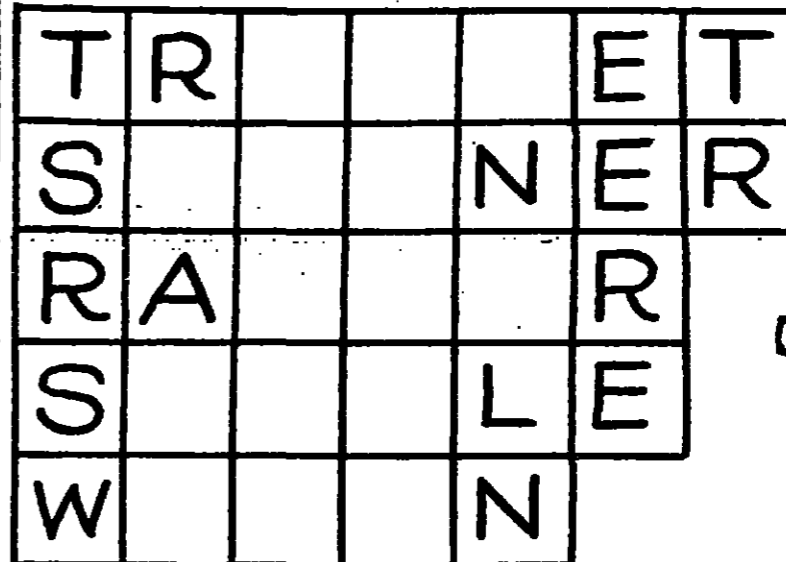
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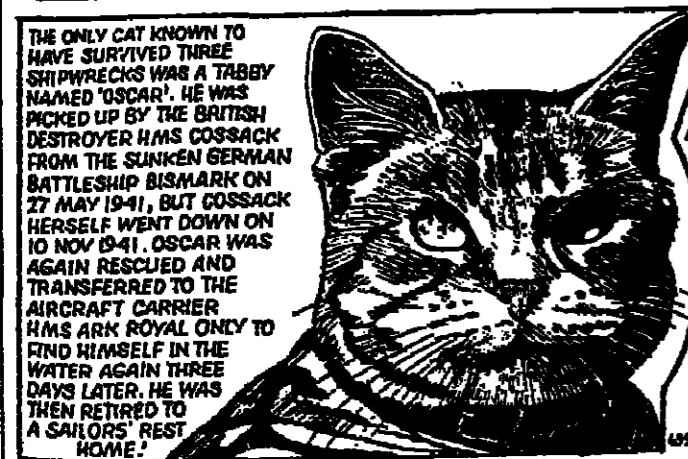
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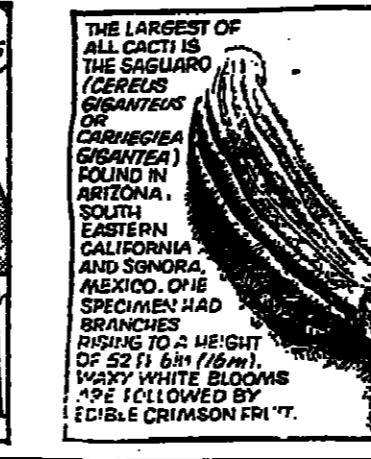
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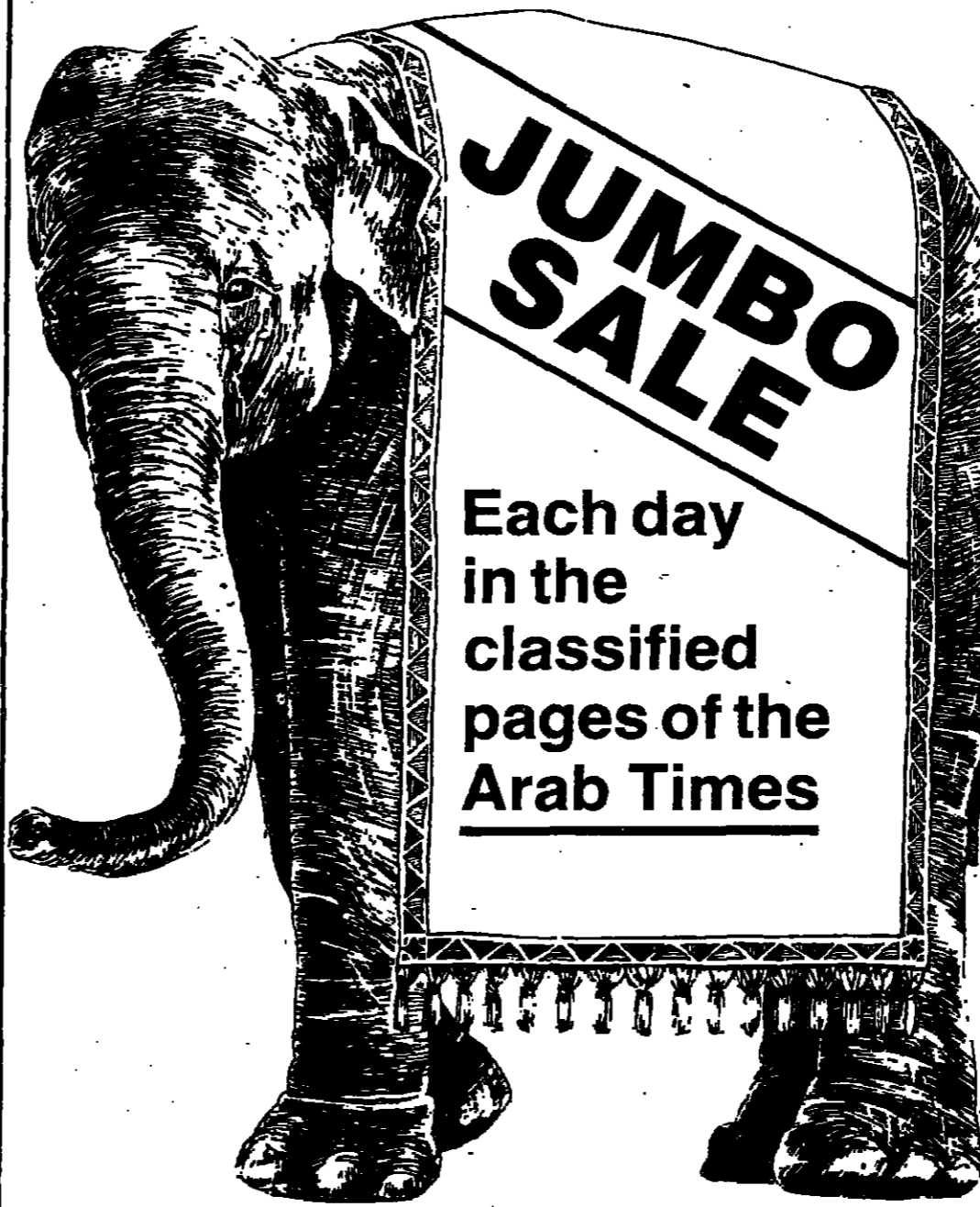
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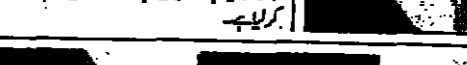


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## SPORTS

TANVIER UPSETS MANDLIKOVÁ

## Sukova tames Dechaume



Sukova reaches third round

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan. 4. (Reuters) Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova maintained her fine form of recent weeks to reach the third round of the Australian Women's Hardcourt Championship today.

The number one seed, who played a major role in her country's victory in the Federation and Hopman Cup team tournaments, swept past France's Alexia Dechaume 6-4 6-2.

Sukova, ranked eighth in the world, is chasing her second title here after winning in 1984.

Second seed Pascale Paradis of France was beaten in straight sets in the third round by Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands, leaving fourth seeded Australian Anne Minter favourite to reach the final from the bottom half of the draw.

Minter beat South African Dinky van Rensburg 6-4 7-6 to reach the quarterfinals.

Minter's new compatriot Hana Mandlikova served 18 double faults on her way to a straight sets defeat by the unseeded Catherine Tanvier of France.

Fifth-seeded Mandlikova, on the comeback trail after six months off with injury, blamed changes to her second serve for the 6-4 6-4 loss.

"If you're not 100 per cent confident with your second serve your whole game suffers," the

Czechoslovak-born Mandlikova said. "I just need to work on it a little bit more."

Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden, seeded 10, will meet injured Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia in the third round after winning 10 games in a row to dispose of American Kathy Horvath 6-3 6-0.

"It was the best tennis I've played in a long time," Lindqvist said.

Novotna hurt her shoulder against Italy's Laura Golarsa but managed to hold on despite the pain to win 7-5 6-1.

In a nightmare end to her singles career, veteran Australian Wendy Turnbull bowed out to 11th seeded American Gretchen Magers 6-0 6-0 in just 56 minutes.

## Results

Second round: Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) beat Alexia Dechaume (France) 6-4 6-2; Brenda Schultz (Netherlands) beat Rachel McQuillan (Australia) 7-6 (7-4) 2-6 6-3; Jana Novotna (Czechoslovakia) beat Laura Golarsa (Italy) 7-5 6-1; Catarina Lindqvist (Sweden) beat Kathy Horvath (USA) 6-3 6-0; Dinky van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Carin Bakker (Netherlands) 6-2 6-4; Claudia Porwik (West Germany) beat Eva Krapi (Switzerland) 6-4 6-1; Gretchen Magers (USA) beat Wendy Turnbull (Australia) 6-0 6-0; Rene Simpson (Canada) beat Eva Pfaff (West Germany) 6-1 7-5; Catherine Tanvier (France) beat Hana Mandlikova (Australia) 6-4 6-4.

Third round: Brenda Schultz (Netherlands) beat Pascale Paradis (France) 7-5 6-4; Anne Minter (Australia) beat van Rensburg 6-4 7-6 (7-0).



Honeyghan: WBC welterweight champion

## Honeyghan and Starling trade insults before fight

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (Reuters) Briton Lloyd Honeyghan, the World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight champion, and American Marlon Starling looked ready to begin their title fight at an elegant New York restaurant yesterday.

Honeyghan and Starling made no attempt to hide their mutual distaste for each other as they traded insults at a news conference to promote their February 4, Las Vegas bout.

"I hate the guy. I'm going to shut him up once and for all. I want to retire the guy," said Honeyghan, who will be making his second title defence.

## Shake

"He's a jerk, a disrespectful jerk," Starling countered. "We won't even shake gloves before the fight."

Starling will be fighting for the first time since he lost the World Boxing Association title on July 29 to Colombian Tomas Molinares, who landed a controversial knockout punch that appeared to be thrown after the bell ended the fifth round.

The 12-round fight is scheduled for the 4,500-seat indoor arena at Caesars Palace. On the undercard, Molinieres will make his first title defence when he takes on former champion Mark Breland of the US.

But Honeyghan and Starling seem to be having trouble waiting for February 4.

As spectators at the Sugar Ray Leonard-Donny Lalonde fight last November, witnesses said Honeyghan and Starling exchanged angry words that escalated into a shoving match.

"I don't think you can be friendly with anybody in or out of the ring but he (Starling) stands out the most," Honeyghan said. "He makes it more than hate."

"He is going to regret that he came across a guy named Honeyghan," the champion predicted.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4. (Reuters) Call it the Notre Dame mystique, winning one for the 'gipper' or just plain Irish luck but legions of loyalists had cause to celebrate after the school clinched their first National Football Championship in 11 years on Monday.

Notre Dame alumni, nicknamed "Golden Domers" after the gold-leaf roofed chapel at the university's home in South Bend, Indiana, rallied at parties from Chicago to Tokyo to toast the fighting Irish's 34-21 victory over West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl that completed the team's perfect 12-0 season.

"It was great to see them win, everybody loves (coach) Lou Holtz," said alumni Al Franzen of Chicago, a hotbed of Notre Dame boosters.

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## Bengals and Bills coaches spar over rules

ORCHARD PARK, New York, Jan. 4. (AP) The American Football Conference division championship game between Cincinnati and Buffalo isn't until Sunday, but the team's coaches have begun skirmishing over game rules.

Buffalo Bills coach Marv Levy said yesterday that Cincinnati Bengals coach Sam Wyche goes against the intent of National Football League rules by keeping extra players on the field until the last possible moment to ensure they have the right personnel in place for certain defenses.

"When you break the huddle — and I know he's not huddling so maybe it's hazy — they are not to come out with 12-13 players on the field," Levy said. "Only 11 people are supposed to come out of the huddle. When there's no huddle, you can leave those 12-13 on."

Clear

"I'm not accusing them of doing something unethical," he added. "I'd say the result of some of this is a bit contrary to what the rulemakers want which means there should be a clear definition of who is going to be on the field so that both teams can equally substitute according to the situation in the time frame that's allowed."

Both Wyche and quarterback Boomer Esiason denied the charge.

"When we go to the no-huddle, we've got 11 guys on the field and they are generally the 11 who were on the field the last time," Wyche said. "We'll substitute without going to the huddle, but we never leave 12 or 13 on the field at one time. One guy runs off and the other guy runs on."

Esiason said he couldn't believe Levy made the comment. "We always have 11 guys on the field because we're not allowed to have more than 11. We don't do anything against the rules."

Levy insisted, however, that the Bengals do shuffle extra players off the field at the last possible moment.

"And they're slow coming off," he said. "You don't know who's coming off, a tight end or a receiver or a running back. We've felt they've had a lot of people on the field."

When asked whether he would employ a recently used tactic of having a player go down with an injury to stop the clock and allow for substitutions, Levy said, "not if they don't keep 12-13 men on the field."

But Wyche said the NFL has told him faking injuries to allow for substitutions is not a violation of the rules.

Violation

"Art McNally (NFL supervisor of officials) has told us that this is a perfectly legal maneuver. It may be on the fringe, but in terms of it being a violation of the rules, there is no such thing and if it happens this week, there'll be no penalties," Wyche said.

Regardless, Levy said the issue won't determine the winner Sunday.

"It's what they do after the ball is snapped, not before the ball is snapped, that concerns us," he said.

Meanwhile, Chuck Noll was given a lifetime coaching contract by the Pittsburgh Steelers yesterday, but four assistant coaches were fired and defensive coordinator Tony Dungy resigned.

"Chuck Noll is our head coach and we have all the confidence in the world in him," said president Dan Rooney. "He is right for the Steelers and he is right for Pittsburgh."

Noll, who will remain head coach for at least one more season, said: "I've always felt that I'd be here ... I always thought security is doing the job."

Noll conceded he thought about quitting after the Steelers' 5-11 season this year, their worst finish since his first year as coach in 1969.

Noll will be working next season with a revamped staff after the firing of special teams coach Dennis Fitzgerald, linebacker coach Ted Hughes, guards and centers coach Hal Hunter and conditioning and training coach Walt Evans.

Resigned

Dungy, who Noll said was "not comfortable" with the coaching shakeup, resigned "to go to a new spot or have a new opportunity."

Dungy, 33, who is black, has been mentioned as a candidate to be the National Football League's first black head coach. He has confirmed recent talks with Broncos coach Dan Reeves about an assistant coaching job in Denver.

Noll, 183-132-1 as Steelers coach, is the fifth-winningest coach in NFL history and the winner of four Super Bowls in the 1970s.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Wellington GP

WELLINGTON, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Second seed Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$145,000 Wellington Grand Prix tennis tournament today with an easy 6-3 6-3 win over New Zealand's Brett Steven.

## Diego Maradona

NAPLES, Italy, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Napoli's Argentine captain Diego Maradona has been advised to rest for several days because of back pain, a club spokesman said.

## Daniel Vidal

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Uruguayan international winger Daniel Vidal has been transferred to Spanish Second Division soccer club Las Palmas for \$500,000, Penarol club sources said yesterday.

## Distance runner

OSLO, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Norwegian world class distance runner Ingrid Kristiansen said today she planned to break her own world records in both the marathon and the 10,000 metres this year.

## Rugby player

LONDON, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Dusty Hare, former England and British Lions full back, confirmed yesterday he intends to retire from first class rugby union at the end of the season.

## Top player

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Pittsburgh Penguins centre Mario Lemieux, who scored at least one point in every one of his team's games in December, was named yesterday the National Hockey League (NHL) Player of the Month.

## Pier dies

LONDON, Jan. 4. (UPI): Wally St. Pier, the man who 'discovered' England's 1966 World Cup heroes Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst, has died. He was 82.

## David Fairclough

TILBURG, Holland, Jan. 4. (UPI): Briton David Fairclough will play on loan with Dutch Honor Division relegation candidate Willem II for the rest of the soccer season, a club official said yesterday.

## Linford Christie

LONDON, Jan. 4. (UPI): Linford Christie will compete for Britain in two international indoor meets and run in the National Indoor Track Championships, the Olympic 100 metres silver medalist said yesterday.

## Italian soccer

ROME, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Results of Italian Cup quarterfinal first leg matches today: Napoli 3 Ascoli 0, Sampdoria 3 Fiorentina 0, Verona 2 Lazio 0, Atalanta 2. Second legs will be played on Jan. 25.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club game held on Monday: 1. Bianca Moussali & Rita Canacini 2. Nahli Akel & Lolli Murthwaite 3. Rabab Abbosh & Fatima Abulobain. Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday morning: 1. Nahli Akel & Lolli Murthwaite 2. Jamila Akel & Lili Akel-Jendi 3. Bianca Moussali & Rita Canacini. Results of Stratton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday: N/S 1. Chibli & Boukhris 2. Chibli & Mr Fouad Farah 3. Dr Oskay & Shant E/W 1. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza 2. Mastroi & Samuel 3. Zuberi & Shant.

## MOLBY PLAYS FIRST SENIOR GAME SINCE JAIL SENTENCE

## Liverpool edge past tough Villa

LONDON, Jan. 4. (Agencies): Liverpool captain Ronnie Whelan scored his first goal in over a year to give the defending champions a 1-0 home victory over Aston Villa in the English soccer First Division yesterday. Whelan scored in the 66th minute — a scrambled goal typical of an untidy match on an ice-cold windy night, a day after the rest of the First Division had been in action.

Ray Houghton crossed from the right, fellow Ireland international John Aldridge challenged Allan Evans in the Villa area and Whelan stooped to head the ball wide of diving goalkeeper Nigel Spink.

Liverpool, beaten 3-1 at Manchester United on Sunday, moved up to fourth in the table but still trail nine points behind leaders Arsenal, who have played one game fewer.

## Couple

Arsenal have 40 points from 19 games and lead the League from Norwich (38 from 20), Millwall (33 from 19) and Liverpool (31 from 20).

Spink had survived a couple of first half blunders in the blustery conditions. He fumbled a Houghton corner under the cross-bar after 14 minutes but was saved by Stuart Gray, who hacked the ball clear off the line.

Three minutes later he should have cut out Houghton's cross-field pass but raced out of his area and missed the ball completely, only for Aldridge to slide the ball wide of an empty net.

Liverpool manager Kenny



Molby: praised by Dalglish

Dalglish singled out Danish international defender Jan Molby for praise after an impressive first full outing since a jail sentence for a motoring offence.

"Jan Molby did very well considering it was his first full senior game for something like 10 weeks. But everybody made a contribution and it was nice to see Ronnie Whelan get a goal," Dalglish said.

On Saturday, Coventry City, fifth in the top division of English

soccer, invades Gander Green Lane for a third-round match in the FA Cup against Sutton United, a member of the semi-pro GM Vauxhall Conference.

"The feedback is that they have a fair number of quality players," said Barrie Williams, Sutton's manager, who has sent scouts to Coventry's last three games and warned not to expect a fairytale ending. "Individually our players would get far fewer marks than theirs. We just have

to hope that our sum of the whole is greater than the parts.

The match is the archetypal David vs Goliath battle that seems to come up each year at this time, as teams from the first and second divisions join the Cup tournament.

Liverpool has a game that, on paper at least, is almost as one-sided. The defending Division One champions and Cup runners-up last year face Carlisle United, near the bottom of Division Four. Other big-time tests for fourth-division clubs include Torquay against Sheffield Wednesday and first-place Crewe against Aston Villa.

Top matches between First Division teams have third-place Millwall hosting Luton, Manchester United home against Queens Park Rangers and West Ham hosting first-place Arsenal in a Sunday match set for national television.

Wimbledon, the defending Cup champion, opens play at second-division Birmingham City.

National television and radio will broadcast portions of the Sutton-Coventry match. Sutton fans, used to seeing part-time players from clubs such as Barnet and Kidderminster, will get a first-hand look at such stars as David Speedie, who scored three goals as Coventry beat Sheffield Wednesday 5-0 last Monday.

Last year, Sutton took Middeburgh, then in the Second Division, into overtime in a third-round replay before losing. This week's challenge is big-

ger. Coventry is a legitimate contender for both the League and Cup titles, and won the Cup two years ago. Romantic as it may be, however, Saturday's match is being taken with a low-key approach by Sutton United itself.

"It's by far the biggest tie (match) I've been associated with," Williams said. "But I'll sleep well on Friday night, and so will the players. We have last year to thank for that."

From scouting reports and his own viewing of highlights of last Monday's Coventry victory, Williams knows the First Division club is tough.

## Experience

"They are a team of considerable physical strength," he said. Sutton, on the other hand, has just one player with League experience, much-travelled striker Paul McKinnon.

Say this for Sutton — the players have been around. McKinnon plays each summer in Sweden. His up-front partner, Lenny Dennis, has World Cup qualifying experience for his native Jamaica, as well as 19 goals this season.

Still, that's a far cry from Coventry stars Speedie and Cyril Regis, and Williams said he was taking a "pragmatic approach" to the game.

"I'm not taking the fairytale view," he said. "We cannot do anything about Coventry. What we can do is make sure that the things we do, we do well. My main concern is getting us prepared."

## Schneider dominates slalom racing

MARIBOR, Yugoslavia, Jan. 4. (AP): Not since the days of Lise Marie Morerod and Hanni Wenzel has a woman so dominated World Cup slalom racing the way Switzerland's Vreni Schneider has.

The women have competed in five gate races this season — three slaloms, two giant slaloms — and the 24-year-old Schneider has won each. Those victories, as well as a triumph in the season's only combined, have allowed her to take a runaway lead in the overall standings with 157 points, 83 ahead of runnerup Ulrike Maier of Austria.

"This was an important victory for me because I did not believe that I could continue my series of wins after the Christmas break," Schneider said after winning yesterday's slalom, the first event after the Christmas break, by a healthy 1.16 seconds.

After posting a two-run time of 1 minute, 22.65 seconds, Schneider said the course was "icy and difficult." It also was blanketed by a thick fog that sharply reduced the racers' vision.

Yet Schneider was the least troubled by the conditions.

"Vreni skied without any real challenge," said third-place Tamara McKinney of the United States. "She was just too good. You could beat her only in your dreams."

With her December hot streak apparently continuing into January, Schneider stamped herself as a solid contender for two gold medals in the World Alpine Ski Championships, which begin Jan. 29 at Vail, Colorado.

Schneider will be the heavy favorite in both the slalom and giant slalom, events in which she won gold in the 1988 Winter Olympics at Calgary, Alberta.

After the world championships, there is the matter of the World Cup overall title. After finishing second to teammate Maria Walliser in 1986 and fifth to Switzerland's Michela Figini in an injury-shortened 1987 campaign, Schneider has ski racing's biggest title squarely in her sights.

"I'm still not thinking of ultimate victory because there are still a lot of races left until the end of the season. I still remember last year's injury," said Schneider, who injured her left knee



Schneider (centre) after winning Tuesday's race.

(Reuters wirephoto)

in a spill at Aspen, Colorado, last March.

Schneider's six victories this season give her 19 in 41-2 seasons on the tour. She's only five behind Switzerland's first great gate racer, Morerod, who won 14 giant slaloms and 10 slaloms over four seasons, as well as the 1977

overall title, before her career was ended by a severe automobile accident.

And Schneider's current pace indicates that she could someday move past Wenzel, the two-time overall champion from Lechstein, into second place on the career victory list.

## I'm going to stop Tyson: Bruno

LONDON, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Frank Bruno unleashed a defiant parting shot on the eve of his departure for the United States to challenge Mike Tyson for his world heavyweight crown, saying: "I'm going to stop him — that's my ambition."

The British boxer was speaking at a news conference today before leaving for New York, from where he will travel to a training camp in Phoenix, Arizona, to prepare for the

February 25 clash in Las Vegas.

Bruno admitted that the pressure caused by the postponement on five occasions of the clash had got to him. "It has been hard," he said, "but life has to go on."

Bruno said he and Tyson had exchanged few words when they met in Los Angeles last month to finalise the contest but his respect for the champion was undiminished despite controversy surrounding Tyson's private life. He is involved in divorce

proceedings.

"It's difficult to lose respect for him because he is young and he is going through many different things," said Bruno.

"I feel sorry for him in a funny sort of way but he would not feel sorry for me so why should I feel sorry for him?"

Bruno plans to stay in Phoenix until 15 days before the contest. Then he will move to a final training base at the Las Vegas Hilton, venue for the fight.

## McAvennie hurt

LONDON, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Scottish international striker Frank McAvennie will be out of action for a month after breaking his arm in Celtic's clash with Glasgow Rivals Rangers yesterday.

McAvennie defied doctors' orders and returned to the pitch after being injured in a first-half clash with Rangers' captain Terry Butcher but he was later substituted.

Rangers, currently top of the Scottish Premier Division, went on to crush Celtic 4-1.

## Stage set for five-a-side soccer event

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands, Jan. 4. (AP): The inaugural World Indoor Championship — soccer's biggest attempt yet to inject some credibility and interest into its pocket version — kicks off tomorrow.

But don't look for the excitement of the outdoor World Cup extravaganza.

Soccer outposts Japan, Australia and Saudi Arabia join such traditional powerhouses as Argentina, Brazil and Italy in what is officially called the world championship five-a-side football and where surprise is the only known factor.

Sixteen national teams will play 40 matches over 11 days in five cities and organizers will be lucky if 100,000 spectators show up.

The outdoor World Cup competition usually attracts that many people for its opening game alone.

Not surprisingly, pre-tournament interest in the indoor championship is virtually nonexistent.

## Oversees

In a sense it is a step into the unknown, acknowledged Ursula Williamson, a spokeswoman for FIFA, the world's ruling body of soccer that oversees the indoor championship. "Unknown" also applies to most of the indoor players.

Don't look for Argentina's Diego Maradona or Holland's Ruud Gullit here. Most of the 16 nations draw their squads from amateur indoor leagues and only a few centre their lineups around outdoor players.

The host country tried to include a star from its team that won the outdoor 1988 European Championship to boost spectator interest, but found none willing to take part.

## Xiong struggles in Grand Prix opener



Sugiarto: had an easy match

HONG KONG, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Titleholder Xiong Guobao of China made a stuttering start to his defence of the Grand Prix badminton crown with a patchy 18-13 8-15 15-10 win over Denmark's Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen in Group B.

Xiong, always a slow starter to tournaments, toiled for long spells against the aggressive Dane and only his experience saw him through.

## Withdraw

"My legs felt very heavy and I was not moving about the court well," said Xiong after his group A win in the round robin section of the Grand Prix finals. "I don't begin championships well."

The event lost another star performer, Ib Frederiksen of Denmark, before the start of play. The 1988 All-England champion awoke with a fever and decided he was too ill to play.

"Maybe I could have played tomorrow but I thought it was fairer to withdraw and give someone else a chance," said the disappointed Frederiksen.

## Satellite boom in Britain

LONDON, Jan. 4. (AP): Television sports, long limited to a banal format on government-regulated networks, are about to explode in Britain.

With the aid of a satellite dish smaller than their ever-present umbrellas and costing less than a night in a top-class London hotel, British sports fans this year will at last get to see such leading events as the French Open tennis championships and their own top soccer tournament in prime time.

From the current maximum of 7.8 hours a day from over-the-air channels, Britain is being promised almost round-the-clock sports from the satellite boom.

## Quality

While critics say the flood of at least three satellite channels and the traditional networks will lower the quality of the shows fans watch, advocates hope to copy the success of sports programming in the United States, where all-sports cable networks such as ESPN have changed the face of television.

"What American shows is that when television money goes into sports in a big way, it secures big TV audiences and packed stadiums," said Andrew Neil, executive chairman of Sky Television, one of the new satellite

His place in Group D was taken by Chan Siu-Kwong of Hong Kong.

Indonesia's Ick Sugiarto, the world's top-ranked player, edged to a 15-7 15-4 victory over Sompol Kukasemkij of Thailand in Group B.

Sugiarto is expected to be challenged for a semifinal place by Denmark's Jens Peter Nafz, who comfortably disposed of Hong Kong hope Tse Bun in 2-15-2 in the same group.

China's Li Lingwei, defending women's champion and four times winner of the Grand Prix, was in irrepressible form in her opening Group D match against Pernille Nedergaard of Denmark, winning 11-3 12-10.

The 24-year-old displayed slick court supremacy against a slalom Nafz who did not find the rhythm until late in the second game.

The top-ranked players from the 19-1988 Grand Prix circuit qualified for the five-day tournament which offers total prize money of \$152,000.

## Rain threatens Australia-West Indies match

MELBOURNE, Jan. 4. (Reuters): Rain threatened to deny Australia the chance to show in the World Series Cup match here tomorrow that Monday's inept performance was, as their coach hoped, a "one-off" lapse.

On the other hand, the bad weather offered the host nation the prospect of finishing on level terms with the West Indies for the first time this season.

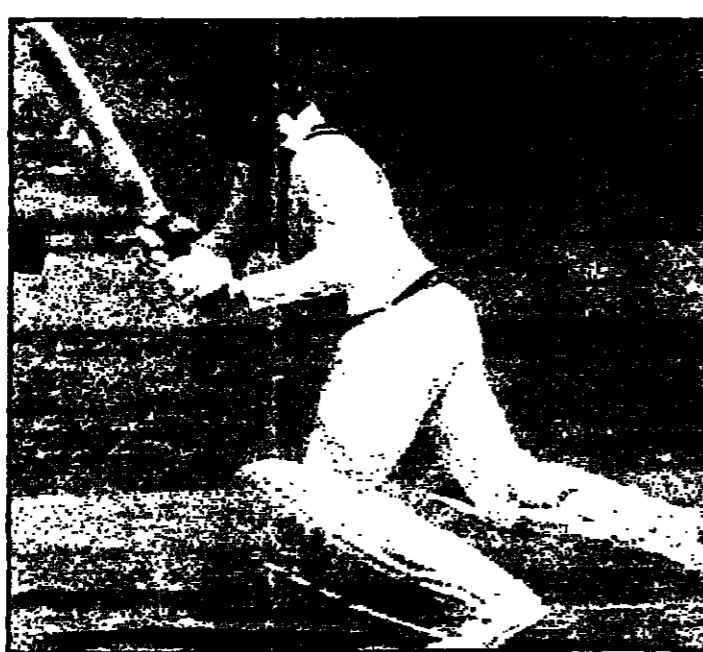
## Under-strength

Two days ago in Perth, Australia lost by 38 runs to an under-strength Pakistan team who had been beaten in their first four matches in the triangular one-day tournament.

Coach Bobby Simpson said: "I was critical of the side in Perth because we departed from the style which enabled us to play one-day cricket really effectively."

"Hopefully this is a one-off thing which will become a fundamental worry only if it goes any further."

Middle-order batsman Mark Waugh is expected to come into the side in place of West Australian Graeme Wood and bat at



Mudassar: fit to play again

five or six to enable twin brother Steve Waugh to move up to four.

The not-so-good news for

Australia was that West Indian fast bowler Curtly Ambrose had recovered from the stomach

upset that kept him out of the side in Perth. He may come in for Ian Bishop despite the young Trinidadian's five for 27 against Pakistan last Sunday.

However the heavy rain may make all selection decisions redundant. The match was very much in the balance this evening. MCG groundsman Peter Semos said: "The wicket area and the immediate run-ups are fine but some areas in the outfield are particularly damp and it certainly won't unless we get some sun tomorrow morning."

A rain-out match would mean the teams collected a point each which would take Australia one point clear of Pakistan with an equal number of games played.

Australia have matches against the Pakistanis in Brisbane on Sunday and then in Melbourne next Tuesday to decide who will face the West Indies in the finals later this month.

Pakistan captain Imran Khan said in Brisbane he was confident experienced opener Mudassar Nazar would be fit to return for

Saturday's match against the West Indies at the Gabba.

Mudassar has been out with sore ribs and Imran said the team had suffered badly without him. In his absence, Pakistan's opening partnerships have been three, five, 12 and 30.

Leg spinner Abdul Qadir, who has a bruised back, is still doubtful for the weekend. He missed Pakistan's three-hour training session today.

Imran said Monday's 38-run win over Australia had boosted the team's confidence although it had never been particularly low.

## Prepared

He said the result against the West Indies in Perth might have been different had he won the toss and attacked the pitch prepared for the match. "It's criminal in Perth to have a wicket hard underneath but damp on top," he said.

Imran said his team had started badly in the WSC because they had not had enough match practice. "We're much more confident now after few games and feel we can get a roll on."



● Dadabhai Cricket Club, of Bahrain, beat Young Boys Cricket Club by five wickets to win Bahrain's BCC tournament on Friday. Above: the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Murlikrishnan Menon, presents the cup to DCC captain Ahmed Humayun (centre).

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